



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services Administration
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
PO Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330

October 1, 2012

Dear Stakeholders:

Re: Washington State 1915(b) Medicaid Mental Health Waiver Amendment
Two RSN Consolidations, Authorized by Substitute House Bill 2139 (SHB 2139)

The Washington State Health Care Authority, in partnership with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), has formally requested to amend the state's 1915(b) Mental Health Waiver, effective October 1, 2012. The waiver amendment was recently submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

As authorized by SHB 2139, DSHS has received and approved requests from some Regional Support Networks (RSNs) to reconfigure themselves in a consolidation. RSNs provide county-based mental health services statewide through contracted provider networks. These changes do not impact the current provider networks or access to service standards.

DSHS has approved the following two (2) consolidations, effective October 1, 2012:

Southwest RSN (Cowlitz County), Clark RSN (Clark County), and Skamania County (currently part of Greater Columbia RSN) will consolidate into Southwest Washington Behavioral Health (SWBH) RSN.

North Central RSN (Adams, Grant, Okanogan, Ferry, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, and Stevens Counties) and Spokane RSN (Spokane County) will consolidate into Spokane RSN.

Please find attached a copy of a "Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement" document.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me by telephone at 360-725-1314 or via email at tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Gray".

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Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery

Enclosure



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Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement

In accordance with RCW 34.05.230(12), following is a list of policy and interpretive statements issued by the Department of Social and Health Services.

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Document title: **Washington State 1915(b) Medicaid Mental Health Waiver Amendment**

Subject: **Regional Support Network (RSN) Consolidations, Authorized by Substitute House Bill 2139 (SHB2139)**

Effective Date: **10/01/2012**

Document description: **SHB 2139 authorizes the DSHS to establish new RSN boundaries where two or more RSNs propose to reconfigure themselves to achieve consolidation. Currently there are 13 RSNs that provide county-based mental health managed care services statewide through contracted provider networks. DSHS has approved two consolidations effective October 1, 2012, reducing the number of RSNs to 11 statewide. To implement the consolidations, the Health Care Authority has submitted a 1915(b) waiver amendment to the CMS.**

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