



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Disability Services Administration
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
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Dear Stakeholders:

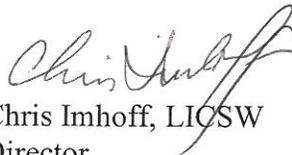
I am pleased to announce that American Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) in Spokane has been selected for a pilot project that will allow Washington State to receive Medicaid matching funds for intensive inpatient chemical dependency treatment for adults. The project will provide 16 treatment beds in Chehalis and 16 beds in Spokane.

ABHS was selected based on the strength of their proposal for providing evidence-based services. They are licensed by the Washington State Department of Health, and certified by the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR). Treatment services in the two sites are scheduled to begin October 1, 2012.

This project is a result of the 2012 Legislative budget bill (3ESHB 2127 Sec. 208 (5)) which requires DBHR to shift existing contracts for a minimum of 32 intensive inpatient beds to two or more facilities with no more than 16 beds. Only facilities of this size are eligible for the federal match for Medicaid clients.

If you have any questions, please contact Sue Green, Behavioral Health Treatment Services Lead, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, at sue.green@dshs.wa.gov or via telephone at 360-725-3732.

Sincerely,



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Director