



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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January 6, 2022

Dear Tribal Leader:

**SUBJECT: HEALTH HOME CARE COORDINATION ORGANIZATION
AGREEMENT (CCOA) TRIBAL ADDENDUM**

In accordance with (A) section 724(4)(B)(ii)(II) of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S. Code § 1667c), (B) chapter 43.376 RCW regarding collaboration with Tribes, and (C) the Health Care Authority (HCA) Tribal consultation and Communication Policy, HCA hereby seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

The 2021 State Legislature provided a remedy for lead agency reimbursement issues that created a barrier for contracting with Tribes. The HCA and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Aging & Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) have prepared a Tribal Care Coordination Organization Agreement (CCOA) for use by all Health Home Lead Organizations. Because your Tribe either has an existing Health Home contract or has expressed an interest to learn more on how to become a Health Home Care Coordination Organization, we are seeking your input prior to finalizing the Tribal CCOA template for all Lead Health Home organizations to utilize when contracting with interested Tribal Governments.

HCA and AL TSA intend to clarify standards and expectations for Lead Organizations when contracting with Tribal governments through an Addendum for the CCOA. The Addendum lists federal laws and regulations that apply to Tribal Governments. A template Addendum will provide a consistent basis for understandings, expectations, and requirements.

Below is a schedule of dates and times for two Tribal Roundtables and a Tribal Consultation. These meetings will be held via webinar and telephone only.

Health Home Tribal Addendum		
Meeting	Date & Time	Webinar Registration Link
Roundtable #1	01-27-2022 2:00 - 3:00 pm	https://zoom.us/j/95661178163?pwd=cGpNT1Rlci96ajU2ajNnUG0xVlB5dz09
Roundtable #2	02-01-2022 9:00 - 10:00 am	https://zoom.us/j/99691620800?pwd=VzlqQ2NVWGJTY3dMNEpUTjRLeEZnZz09
Consultation	02-09-2022 4:00 - 5:00 pm	https://zoom.us/j/92981255268?pwd=LzdFMm1qVXh4WjVPZnRiY1djVEduUT09

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations

HCA and AL TSA anticipate this addendum to improve access to the Health Home services provided by Indian Health Programs for American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid enrollees. It is anticipated that Tribes interested in providing Health Home Care Coordination services will have broader access to Lead Organizations.

Copy Available

A copy of the draft Tribal addendum template is available for your review at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/washington-health-home-program>.

Comments and Questions

HCA and AL TSA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding this draft Addendum. Please contact Tonya Ahsoak-Stevens, DSHS Tribal Health Homes Programs Manager, via email at tonya.ahsoakstevens@dshs.wa.gov, if you have any questions about or comments regarding the Tribal Addendum or the Tribal Health Home Program. Please submit comments by February 9, 2022.

Please contact Jessie Dean, Administrator, Office of Tribal Affairs, via email at jessie.dean@hca.wa.gov, if you would like to request formal consultation or have tribal affairs-related questions.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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By email

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