



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Region 10  
2201 Sixth Avenue, MS/RX-40  
Seattle, Washington 98121

November 20, 2007

Dear Tribal Leader:

We write to invite you to a formal consultation that will focus on the proposed Washington State Tribal Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM) claiming plan. This consultation is in response to a request from the State of Washington State and Tribal Leaders for a formal Tribal consultation regarding the Washington State Tribal Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM) claiming plan. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has agreed to coordinate and host such a meeting. The consultation will be on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at the CMS Seattle Regional Office located at 2201 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Space will be available for a tribal caucus at 9:00 a.m. if that is desired.

By way of background, Washington State and a Tribal workgroup drafted the Washington State Tribal Medicaid Administrative Match Cost allocation plan (CAP). The CAP is currently under review by CMS, and we look forward to discussing aspects of it during this consultation meeting. Participants at the consultation will include leadership and staff from CMS, leadership and staff from HRSA, and Tribal leaders and technical staff who wish to participate. A draft agenda is attached.

We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you on January 18. Please contact Cecile Greenway, CMS Native American Contact at (206) 615-2428 or via email at [cecile.greenway@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:cecile.greenway@cms.hhs.gov), or Deb Sosa, HRSA Tribal Liaison at (360) 725-1649 or via email at [sosada@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:sosada@dshs.wa.gov) to let us know if you wish to attend the consultation. Your reply ensures proper accommodations in the meeting room.

Sincerely,

Barbara Richards  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Administration

Douglas Porter  
Assistant Secretary  
Health & Recovery Services  
Department of Social & Health Services

ENCLOSURE

Cc: Christine Gregoire, Washington State Governor  
Dennis Smith, Director CMS Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
Jackie Garner, Consortium Administrator Medicaid and Children's Health Operations  
Dorothy Dupree, Director CMS Tribal Affairs Group

## **CMS – HRSA – Washington State Tribe Consultation Regarding Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM)**

LOCATION: CMS Seattle Regional Office  
2201 Sixth Avenue  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center  
Seattle, WA. 98121  
(206) 615-2306

DATE: January 18, 2008  
10:00am – 12:30 pm

PARTICIPANTS: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Central and Regional Staff; Washington State Health and Recovery Services Administration Staff; Tribal leaders and technical staff

### **DRAFT Agenda**

- 10:00            Opening Blessing and Welcome (TBA)
- 10:15            Introductions
- 10:30            Summary of Tribal Medicaid Administrative Match Issues
- 11:00            Discussion
- 12:00            Summary of Discussion and Decisions
- 12:15            Closing Prayer (TBA)

A transcript will be recorded and sent to all participants.

#### **Directions:**

**From the Seattle/Tacoma International Airport** go eastbound on Highway 509 and exit onto northbound Interstate 5 from the **left** lane. Upon nearing downtown Seattle, exit at Seneca Street from the **left** lane. At the end of the exit, turn right onto Sixth Avenue and proceed about 2 miles to the Blanchard Plaza Building at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Blanchard Street.

**From the north** take Interstate 5 southbound and exit at Stewart Street. Get in the far right lane, and follow Stewart Street to Sixth Avenue. Turn right onto Sixth Avenue and proceed four blocks to Blanchard Street.

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