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HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 26-0018 Rural Hospitals Rate Updates.

Effective Date: January 1, 2027.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit SPA 26-0018 to comply with ESSB 6194. Per ESSB 6194, for admission dates from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, hospital rates at a rural hospital that is located on a federally recognized Indian reservation are 150 percent of fee-for-service rates, excluding any services provided in the psychiatric unit.

SPA 26-0018 is anticipated to increase annual aggregate expenditures by $687,033.

The SPA is currently under development. You may request a copy and it will be sent as soon as a draft is completed. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy or submit comments, contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

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