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Douglas Porter, Director  
Health Care Authority  
Post Office Box 45502  
Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

**RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 12-013**

Dear Mr. Porter:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 12-013. This amendment increases the rate paid to Adult family and licensed boarding homes contracted to provide assisted living and enhanced adult residential care and services. This increase was necessitated by the passage of initiative 1163, which increased training, certification and background check requirements for providers. This SPA is approved with an effective date of May 1, 2012.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact James Moreth at (360) 943-0469 or [James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Carol J.C. Peverly.

Carol J.C. Peverly  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Operations

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>12-013</b>	2. STATE Washington
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <del>January 7, 2012</del> May 1, 2012	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)


6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2012 \$742,130 b. FFY 2013 \$913,610
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Att. 4.19-B page 32	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  Att. 4.19-B page 32

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Licensed Boarding Home Rates Increase

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):


GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: Ann Myers Office of Rules and Publications Legal and Administrative Services Health Care Authority 626 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE MS: 45504 Olympia, WA 98504-5504
13. TYPED NAME: DOUG PORTER	
14. TITLE: DIRECTOR	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: March 28, 2012	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: <b>MAR 28 2012</b>	18. DATE APPROVED: June 7, 2012
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: May 1, 2012	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Carol J.C. Peverly	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

23. REMARKS:  
05/01/2012 - Pen and Ink (P&I) changes authorized by State in block #4.

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: WASHINGTON

POLICY AND METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR EACH OF THE OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN (cont.)

## XV. Personal Care Services (cont)

## B. Service Rates

The fee schedule was last updated May 1, 2012, to be effective for dates of service on and after May 1, 2012.

Effective Jan. 1, 2008, the standard hourly rate for individual-provided personal care is based on comparable service units and is determined by the State legislature, based on negotiations between the Governor's Office and the union representing the workers. The rate for personal care services provided by individual providers consists of provider wages and benefits. Benefits include health insurance, training, and industrial insurance.

The rate for personal care services provided by agencies is based on an hourly unit. The agency rate determination corresponds to the rate for individual providers with an additional amount for employer functions performed by the agency.

The rate for personal care provided in boarding homes is based on a per day unit. Each participant is assigned to a classification group based on the State's assessment of their personal care needs. The daily rate varies depending on the individual's classification group. The rates are based on components for provider staff, operations, and capital costs. The rate paid to residential providers does not include room and board.

The rate for personal care provided in an adult family home is based on a per day unit and is determined by the State legislature, based on negotiations between the Governor's Office and the union representing Adult Family Homes.