

Washington GEMT

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What's This Stuff All About

- Federal Supplemental Reimbursement is part of the Social Security Act Title XIX
- Been around for 30 years
- Not part of Medicaid expansion
- Entitlement program

Why Do We have These Programs?

- Medicaid; Federal, State and Local
- Feds pay the States
- States pay the providers (you)
- Providers shoulder the cost of services (UCC)

How Do They Function?

- These are “cost” programs
- Entire program is based upon the UCC realized by the providers
- Federal Medicaid will share in the cost with the providers to provide the services (50%)

Simple Breakdown - Example

- State Medicaid “Apple Health” pay \$264 per transport
- Provider “cost” of transport is \$1,264
- UCC is \$1,000 ($\$1,264 - \$264 = \$1,000$)
- Federal cost share is 50% = \$500 per transport

Simple Breakdown cont. - Example

- Agency provides 1,500 transport per year
- Medicaid percentage is 18% (agency specific)
- Current reimbursement @ \$264 = \$71,280
- GEMT revenue 270 x \$500 = \$135,000
- New total = \$206,280

Drawdown Mechanisms

- Certified Public Expenditures (CPE)
 - Cost report based
 - Establishes actual costs (based on the approved program)
 - Typically completed annually
- Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT)
 - Can be based on a single rate, rate range, regional rate, etc.
 - Is generally not cost report based
 - Facilitated through agreements/contracts
- Provider Tax

Eligibility

- CPE/IGT must be a unit of Government 42 CFR 433-5
- Allows for contracting (must be through the unit of Government)
- Completely voluntary

How Did We Get Here

- Washington Fire Chiefs became aware of the CA program
- Convened a meeting with WA Chiefs/AP Triton in 2015
- WA Fire Chiefs/Central Pierce facilitated the legislation
- Central Pierce took the lead as the sponsoring agency

Current Status

- Legislation was introduced and signed into law
- Meetings between Stakeholders and State begin
- Informal process begins between WA and CMS
- Initial SPA is submitted

Current Status

- Formal questions and answers begin
- Cost Report/Indirect Cost Rate submitted
- Cost Allocation Plan submitted (CAP)
- Final approval pending

Other States

- CA, TX, MA, FL and NV have similar programs running
- WA, OR, MO, KS, NE, AK are in process today with CMS
- ID, OH, WY and MT are considering

What Should We Be Doing Now?

- Nothing and Everything
- Until approval it's all speculative
- Review your budget to identify cost centers
- Direct cost, indirect costs, and shared costs

Process to get GEMT in place

- Phase 1 – Legislative
- Phase 2 – Program development/SPA
- Phase 3 – Implementation and Training

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QUESTIONS?
