



Inmate Health Claims Administration Program

**JOIN US JANUARY 4TH FROM 10:00 a.m. – Noon
TO LEARN MORE**

Opportunity to Save on Jail Inmate Medical Costs & Become Self-Insured

Most Washington counties do not have coordinated or comprehensive cost-controls on medical services provided to inmates of county jails. As a result, counties often pay premium rates on medical services while forgoing the possibility of self-insuring. A **new Washington State Association of Counties Financial Services Corporation (WSAC FSC) program** will offer an immediate 10% discount, with less administrative effort spent on processing claims, in **Phase I** of their program. After gathering data on actual medical services and expenditures for two years, **Phase II** will offer deeper cost savings and predictable premiums through the creation of a first-time-ever self-insurance pool for inmate medical costs. A feasibility review will also be done to determine if utilization management, a 24-hour nurse line, disease management, mental health and dental benefits, or other enhancements will be added to the program.

Program Benefits for Participating Counties:

- ✓ No risk with no upfront or start-up costs.
- ✓ A minimum of 10% savings on billed charges for medical expenses (including pharmacy benefits). Extra savings are set aside into reserves for financing self-insurance in Phase II.
- ✓ Founding counties (joining the program in February '07) will be eligible for the Phase II self-insurance pool as early as 2009, making it easier to predict and budget for inmate medical expenses. They also will be involved in governance decisions of the program.
- ✓ A skilled third-party administrator accurately assesses and approves medical charges, gathers and tracks cost data, and provides valuable reports.
- ✓ Counties with existing discount programs will be evaluated for matching or lower discounts.

How to Join – It's Simple!

- RSVP to attend an informational meeting on **January 4, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. - Noon** at Zenith Administrator's office to learn more details. The office is located at 201 Queen Anne Avenue North, in Seattle. A lunch will be hosted after the meeting for those who wish to attend. For those of you who can't attend in person, you may also participate by conference call by dialing: 866.393.8073. Once prompted for the meeting number, please enter *5941608 * (include asterisks). Please email your RSVP no later than **December 27th** to rsvp@wacounties.org or call Mimi Welch, WSAC FSC Staff at 206.650.3268.
- Participate effective February 1, 2007 as founding members, and enjoy immediate savings and lower administrative requirements.

Participating Partners:

- Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO): Primary is First Choice PPO Network, secondary is First Health (formerly CCN).
- Third Party Administrator (TPA): Zenith Administrators
- Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM): Walgreen's Health Initiatives

More about the WSAC FSC

In early 2005, WSAC appointed a subcommittee of the board of directors to investigate the efficacies of creating a for-profit entity to provide value added services and generate non-dues income to WSAC. After studying various existing organizations, consulting with legal counsel, and reviewing the statutory restrictions existent in Washington, the WSAC board of directors approved the creation of the Washington State Association of Counties Financial Services Corporation (WSAC FSC). The WSAC FSC board has been meeting since February 2006 and has developed this product and others to benefit counties and help them better manage the challenges they face.

The **mission** of the WSAC FSC is to *develop and deliver needed services and products of high quality and value to our customers and the people they serve*. We believe this Inmate Health Claims Administration Program is an innovative and cost-effective way for participating counties to reduce inmate medical costs while ensuring a future of predictable costs and shifting of risk for catastrophic claims to a reinsurance carrier.

For More Information:

- RSVP to attend the January 4, 2007 introductory meeting for participating in the Inmate Health Claims Administration Program by emailing: rsvp@wacounties.org or call Mimi Welch, WSAC FSC staff at: 206.650.3268.
- For more details about the Inmate Health Claims Administration Program, contact: Lorene Satran or Mark Fukuhara at the Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) at 1.800.344.8570
- For more details about the WSAC FSC, contact: Mimi Welch, WSAC FSC Staff at 206.650.3258