

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To: Federally Qualified Health
Centers (FQHCs)
Managed Care Plans
CSO Administrators
Regional Administrators

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Subject: Vendor Rate Increase for FQHC Interpreter Services

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2002, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement a legislatively appropriated one and one-half (1.5) percent vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this one and one-half (1.5) percent vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs.

The new maximum allowable fees are for interpreter services performed in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) by certified interpreters who are not reimbursed by the General Administration (GA) contract.

Spoken Language		
State-Unique Procedure Code	Description of Service	July 1, 2002 Maximum Allowable
0982M*	Spoken Language Interpreter (Non-GA) (15 minutes = 1 unit)	\$6.18/unit

*State-unique procedure code 0982M may be used by exception only.

For further information, contact Tim Roth at (360) 725-1316 or Nora Guzman-Dyrseth at (360) 725-1313.

To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).