

Hiring Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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Date Approved	Hire Date keyed into HRMS (Start Date)	SAP Position Number (8 digits)	Position Title	Job Class Code	Job Class Title	Fund Source (e.g. GFS, Traspo, etc.)	Rationale for Approving Exception
12/23/2024	1/16/2025	71070624	Community Information Exchange Program Manager	WMS03	WMS Band 3	Other State Funds 80% on 5124 and 20% on 9741.	This position is critical for the Community Information Exchange project, an approved IT Project. Responsible for all project deliverables, successful completion of the project, and effective transition from project to program. Responsible for ongoing governance leadership working with the ACHs for the maintenance and enhancement of this collaborative solution, enabling a comprehensive view of social services received by our Medicaid clients.

Contracts Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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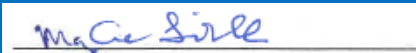
Date Approved	Name of Contractor	Brief Description of Services	Term of Contract	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
1/13/2025	Washington State Hospital Association	The contractor will directly reduce opioid overdose and addiction by completing strategy 1.3.2 of the State Opioid and Overdose Response Plan (SOORP) to encourage safe opioid prescribing practices through the Better Prescribing, Better Treatment (BPBT) program . Specifically: 1. Encourage safer opioid prescribing practices by providing prescribers with individualized feedback, training, and technical assistance to improve their opioid prescribing practices, and 2. Enhance and support WA's opioid stewardship quality improvement program	01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025	\$122,250.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/13/2025	WaTech by way of Bloomworks	Contract to complete 2024 workstream on the Prenatal-25 Behavioral Health Strategic Plan (Washington Thriving).	11/18/2024 - 12/31/2024	\$60,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/13/2025	ISG	As part of the 988 Crisis System implementation, we are required by CMS and WaTech to do a feasibility study prior to the RFP. ISG is currently executing on this contract. Funding is from the 988 tax fund and CMS match.	12/02/2024 - 06/30/2025	\$175,000.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/13/2025	WA Assoc. of Designated Crisis Responders	Required under RCW 71.05.765, HCA must contract with an "association that represents designated crisis responders in the state of Washington" to create and provide a training for all emergency room social workers. The training must include instruction emphasizing standards and procedures relating to the civil commitment, including which clinical presentations warrant summoning a designated crisis responder (DCR), on the topic of involuntary treatment determinations and legal requirements. This training is required to start June 1, 2025, with all currently employed social workers in emergency departments to have taken the training by June 1, 2026. In addition, all new emergency department social workers must take the training within 3 months of hire and completed again every 3 years. The legislature provided \$150,000 to HCA for this contract under proviso 151.	01/15/2025 - 06/01/2025	\$150,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/13/2025	University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School	To provide a web-based application and related support to collect random moment time study data and calculate Medicaid administrative claims for reimbursements for HCA and local government agencies. A new contract must be assigned. To provide a web-based application and related support to collect random moment time study data and calculate Medicaid administrative claims for reimbursements for HCA and local government agencies. This contract is essential for drawing down enhanced reimbursement for HCA staff expenses. This contract is critically essential for the HCA School Based Services project to increase Medicaid funding for Local Education Agencies in Washington.	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2035	\$586,956.00	Split Funding, 50% state, 50% federal-	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2025	TBD	The procurement of this contract is part of the state's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Adult Family Home Council and will result in a contract with a clearinghouse that will process the claims of AFHCs providing Community Behavioral Health Support services. These claims are for direct client State Plan covered services. (250,000 Yearly)	07/01/2025 - 08/01/2025	\$250,000.00	Split Funding It is currently allocated at 5105 (50%) federal funds participation.	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2025	Yakima Memorial Hospital	The purpose of this request is to contract with Yakima Memorial Hospital to establish rapid methadone induction services in accordance with ESSB 5950. The Rapid Methadone Induction Pilot Program proviso is intended to utilize the opportunity provided by an inpatient admission to rapidly titrate methadone while in a highly monitored setting. Rapid methadone initiation can help retain patients in the hospital to complete medically necessary care and reduce barriers to life-saving methadone treatment posed by the high doses required for stabilization of fentanyl use disorder.	02/15/2025 - 06/30/2025	\$150,000.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2025	TBD	These grants are to assist with costs for Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT) and Community-Based Crisis Teams (CBCT), seeking to meet the standards for endorsement as outlined in WAC 182-140. Funds disbursed through these grants were received by HCA from the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response line account, solely for the implementation of RCW 71.24.903(10)(a)(i).	01/30/2025 - 06/30/2025	\$4,000,000.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2025	OHSU	Request for adding funding under match proviso funds (ending FY 2025) to PRAU/ESSB 1357 for Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) one new signal search on upper endoscopy for GERD and add funds for remaining invoice on two completed signal searches as permitted by their current vendor contract. The State received extra funding under ESSB 1357 whereby some funds have been allocated to updating Health Technology Assessment (HTA) topics previously reviewed under RCW 70.14.100. These health topics/technologies were reviewed for concerns about safety, efficacy, or cost effectiveness and state expenditures could be or are high, due to demand for the technology, its cost, or both. Signal searches assist to identify whether a topic should be rereviewed due to changes in evidence, per RCW 70.14.100.	02/01/2025 - 06/30/2025	\$48,671.25	Split Funding State 42.47% Federal 43.95 PEBB/Other 12.29 Medical Aid/Other 1.29%	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations

Goods and Equipment Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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Date Approved	Description of Goods or Equipment	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
1/13/2025	Microsoft Visual Studio is an integrated development environment (IDE) that can be used to build, debug, edit, and publish code for the Agency's applications.	\$19,346.06	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Non-Discretionary Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations

Travel Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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Date Approved	Position Title	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
1/13/2025	MAPS3	90.54	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/13/2025	Healthy Aging Specialist	112.68	Other state funds	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/13/2025	PEB Board Member	322.81	Other state funds	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/13/2025	Benefits Marketing Representati	273.88	Other state funds	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
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1/21/2025	Chief Medical Officer	58.06	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	Chief Medical Officer	59.74	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	Section Manager	12.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	Supervisor	4.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/17/2025	Chief Medical Officer	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	MAPS3	284.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	MAPS3	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	MAPS3	46.20	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	MAPS3	9.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/21/2025	MAPS3	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/17/2025	SEB Board Member	931.72	Other state funds	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/7/2025	MAS4	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
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1/8/2025	Chief Medical Officer	64.68	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/8/2025	HTA program Director	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/8/2025	HTA program Director	22.16	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/8/2025	Associate Medical Director	0.00	N/A	Essential to the responsibilities of a position