

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
10/6/2025	1/16/2026	71070504	Health Care Pro 170L		Health Care Program 0010 (GF-S)		<p>This position is the first contact point for the regional tribal governments to establish, repair, and maintain the government to government relationship with the Health Care Authority. Given the critical relationship between HCA and the tribes of Washington State, this position is critical for the effective operations of our agency and programs. If this position is not filled, the tribes in the region will have no point of contact available to quickly respond to their concerns and act as a guide thru the programs and contracts overseen by HCA. Given other administrative reductions, this work cannot be absorbed within existing resources.</p>

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
1/21/2026	UW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The contract is essential for meeting goals outlined in the agency's various grants (e.g. SOR, SUPTRS, PFS). By funding this contract, we can ensure that each activity directly contributes to meeting our grant-funded objectives.</li> <li>The purpose of this contract is to build a Washington State Prevention Center (The Center) in collaboration with higher education institutions and the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR). The goal of the center is to enhance the implementation and delivery of effective substance misuse prevention and mental health promotion services in Washington state. The center services will provide essential services like training, technical assistance, and dissemination of evidence-based practices, which are crucial for the effective implementation of prevention programs statewide.</li> <li>The work outlined in this contract builds upon a strategic plan created in the previous contract with University of Washington (K7944). Leveraging existing research and frameworks makes the initiative both cost-effective and evidence-informed.</li> </ul>	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2027	\$128,700.00	Split Funding   \$15,000 State Opioid Response (SOR) IV Y2 \$50,000 Partnerships for Success (PFS) 23 Y3 \$16,035 Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) 25 \$50,000 – Dedicated Cannabis Account (DCA)	Essential   Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2026	DSHS RDA	RCW 74.09.520 (11) requires HCA to implement developmentally appropriate Mental Health Assessments for Young Children (MHAYC). HCA's implementation of MHAYC requires multiple interlocking components, including billing and clinical policy, managed care oversight, training and professional development, data and evaluation, communications, outreach, community engagement, systems coordination, and Tribal partnerships. Funds for HCA to meet the requirements of RCW 74.09.520 were directed to HCA by Section 215 Proviso 43 of the 2021-2023 Budget Bill, and these funds have been appropriated to ongoing Maintenance Level funding since 2023.  HCA operationalizes the provider training and professional development component of MHAYC implementation through a professional development initiative called the Workforce Collaborative. The current contract for the Workforce Collaborative has met the maximum allowable number of extensions. This GSR is to launch a competitive solicitation to identify the single contractor who will manage the Workforce Collaborative in SFY27-SFY29. This RFP and the ensuing contract are needed to continue necessary agency services/operations to meet the requirements of RCW 74.09.520 (11).  	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	\$250,000.00	Split Funding   50/50 Medicaid match	Essential   Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/21/2026	Milliman Inc.	Annual upper payment limit demonstration for specific providers. Review and set cost based rates for long term civil commitment psychiatric providers. We must calculate psychiatric per diems for at least one critical border hospital to remain in compliance with Medicaid rate setting guidelines.	02/02/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$122,000.00	Split Funding   50% GFS 50% GFF	Essential   Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations

Goods and Equipment Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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