

Travel Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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Date Approved	Position Title	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
1/27/2026	BH Strategic Advisor	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
1/27/2026	Problem Gambling Administrator	\$84.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/27/2026	Healthcare Program Specialist	\$84.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
1/27/2026	Tribal Affairs Administrator	\$30.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/2/2026	Deputy Chief Information Officer - Medicaid	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/6/2026	Section Manager	\$41.10	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/6/2026	Opioid Treatment Programs Administrator	\$0.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position

Hiring Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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(Do not report a running list, only report new actions since your last report.)

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, Trasp, etc.)	Rationale for Approving Exception
10/6/2025	2/2/2026	71111200	Management Analyst 5	190M	Management Analyst 9513 (Split Funding - GF-S & Federal)	<p>This position is critical to the agency's ability to meet compressing Medicaid eligibility compliance timelines that are state and federally mandated over the next 5 years. This includes numerous provisions from the state's mitigation plan with CMS, HR1, Streamlining Eligibility rules, and the increase in federal eligibility auditing activities. This position is essential in providing critical process level analysis to updating eligibility policy, coordination of interagency processes and policy development, and initiative support through this changing landscape.</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
1/27/2026	Univ. of Chicago	Contract will be moved from University of Kentucky to University of Chicago. Work will be the same. SOW is to have Praed foundation (now with UC) provide online training for Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool as well as provide HCA analysis, reports, and technical assistance so that we can fulfill the requirements of the Wise Quality Plan that is required by WAC. This exemption is to add two (2) Tribal Specific Peer Specialist Training and Testing events 1 Peer Crisis Training, 4 DOC Specific CPSS Trainings and 2 80-hour virtual peer trainings. These trainings are integral for workforce development in the tribal communities, supporting community and crisis services and meeting legislative demand.	01/01/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$345,411.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/26/2026	Dartanyon Javan Jones	This is an amendment to the current work order – K5559-0-25. This amendment will build on work conducted under this work order related to an analysis of opioid prescribing trends to reduce inappropriate opioid prescriptions. This amendment will support a literature review and in-depth analysis of measure and subgroups identified in the draft Data Analysis Plan developed during the previous biennium.	01/26/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$35,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/26/2026	DOH	This exemption is to add two (2) Tribal Specific Peer Specialist Training and Testing events 1 Peer Crisis Training, 4 DOC Specific CPSS Trainings and 2 80-hour virtual peer trainings. These trainings are integral for workforce development in the tribal communities, supporting community and crisis services and meeting legislative demand.	01/26/2026 - 06/30/2027	\$200,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/26/2026	Passages Family Support	This exemption is to add two (2) Tribal Specific Peer Specialist Training and Testing events 1 Peer Crisis Training, 4 DOC Specific CPSS Trainings and 2 80-hour virtual peer trainings. These trainings are integral for workforce development in the tribal communities, supporting community and crisis services and meeting legislative demand.	01/26/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$32,500.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/26/2026	Dads move	This exemption is to add two (2) Tribal Specific Peer Specialist Training and Testing events 1 Peer Crisis Training, 4 DOC Specific CPSS Trainings and 2 80-hour virtual peer trainings. These trainings are integral for workforce development in the tribal communities, supporting community and crisis services and meeting legislative demand.	01/26/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$25,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
1/26/2026	UW	•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 include, but are not limited to, training and technical assistance, supporting dissemination of evidence-based programs, research and evaluation, project management, consultation, and development of resources. •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. •This contract fosters collaboration between DBHR and higher institutions, ensuring our prevention workforce is built on solid academic and practical foundations. •The center 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. •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. 	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
1/26/2026	DOH	This contract aims to provide funding to include new BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) question module about problem gambling & gaming activities. Gather data on problem gambling and online gambling activities that are not currently available for WA State.	01/23/2026 - 06/30/2027	\$21,120.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/4/2026	Myers and Stauffer	Per 42 CFR 455.304(a), the HCA must submit an independent certified audit to CMS for each completed Medicaid State plan rate year.	03/01/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$428,400.00	Split Funding 50/50 split funding between state and federal funding	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/4/2026	Moda Healthcare	Annual audit of UMP pharmaceutical claims performed by Aon Burchfield working with Moda and Navitus to ensure the claims are adjudicating correctly and in alignment to the UMP COCs and the UMP Preferred Drug List ensuring the drug is matching the correct tier, has been processed with the correct utilization management measure if it is applicable, and has the correct cost-share calculation.	02/02/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$47,520.00	Other state funds 50% PEBB/ 50% SEBB – funds A439 and A494 (The UMP TPA accounts	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/4/2026	Milliman	Milliman will collaborate with HCA to model the rating impacts of newly certified CCBHCs for CY2027 managed care capitation rates and incorporate necessary adjustments to the capitation rates, which will be effective from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027. This work is related to a proviso and is necessary to continue critical services.	02/02/2026 - 06/30/2027	\$228,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/3/2026	OnPoint Health Data	This contract amendment includes the Onpoint Health Data (Onpoint) CY 2026 Statement of Work to include data collection, processing, aggregation, extracts, analytics, and reporting for the Washington All-Payer Claims Database (WA-APCD).	01/30/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$1,478,630.00	Split Funding 87.3% state 12.7% federal	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/3/2026	Forum One Communications Corporation	This contract amendment includes the CY2026 Statement of Work to include website hosting, support and annual data refresh services that Forum One Communications Corporation will provide on behalf of the Washington All-Payer Claims Database website: Washington HealthCareCompare.	01/30/2026 - 12/31/2026	\$133,688.00	Split Funding 87.3% state 12.7% federal	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/4/2026	See included spreadsheet	The purpose of the ABCD contracts is to provide 'Access to Baby and Child Dentistry' (ABCD) services to detect and prevent early childhood dental decay by engaging dentists in seeing Apple Health/Medicaid-eligible Clients, ages birth to six (6), with an emphasis on children of color and children 0-2, ages six (6) to thirteen (13) who are clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration and other eligible but underserved children in the service area, and engaging local public health departments in outreach and case management.	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028	\$2,415,404.00	Split Funding SFY26 GF-S \$603,851.00 SFY26 GF-F \$603,851.00 SFY27 GF-S \$603,851.00 SFY27 GF-F \$603,851.00 	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
1/22/2026	Membership - WHA unites employers, clinicians, health plans, and community groups to drive system-wide improvements and gives members a voice in shaping health care delivery and policy in Washington.	\$100,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Non-Discretionary Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/4/2026	Provides tools and support, federal & state policy advocacy, networking and education. Allows HCA employees to attend virtual events at no add'l cost. Even though we have Dave listed on the request form, access is open to other HCA staff to attend virtual events offered frequently throughout the year beneficial to multiple divisions. SPI utilizes this resource regularly. They also offer 2 nationwide retreats for members which are fully funded. PBGH is dedicated to developing and implementing solutions that lower costs while improving care quality for our members and consumers. Benefits of membership include: Partnership opportunities with peers to implement cutting-edge benefit strategies; Peer-to-peer networking with health benefits professionals from the country's leading corporations, who will share best practices, new solutions and insights into where markets are going; Higher quality care at a lower cost to you, increasing employee productivity, retention and satisfaction; Access at the highest levels of government, influencing laws to benefit employers and purchasers; Personalized consulting and support from PBGH staff and access to tools and resources that can save you money. Membership is open exclusively to large and mid-sized self-insured employers and public purchasers. Membership contributions to PBGH make up only 10% of our annual budget, with government and private foundations grants allowing us to improve the health care system for all Americans including our members' employees and their families. PBGH members pay a membership contribution fee based on type of organization and employee headcount in the U.S. Other organizations part of the coalition are City of Kirkland, Intel, Robert Half, Qualcomm, Walmart, PG&E, Levi's, Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft, King County, State of California, Washington Health Benefit Exchange, Apple, etc.	\$34,500.00	Split Funding 50% X5911 / 50%	Non-Discretionary Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations