

Travel Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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Date Approved	Position Title	Total Cost	Fund Source	Rationale for Approving Exception
2/9/2026	Hospital Finance Section Manager	\$0.00	Grant/Project	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/9/2026	Director	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/9/2026	Hospital Rates & Drug Rebate Section Manager	\$0.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
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2/9/2026	Apple Health Communications Manager	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/12/2026	Chief Medical Officer	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/12/2026	DBHR Division Director	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/11/2026	Assistant Director	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/11/2026	Deputy Chief Information Officer - Medicaid Services	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/11/2026	Epics Section Manager	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/13/2026	BH Strategic Advisor	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/17/2026	OPERATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIST / Acting	\$0.00	Grant/Project	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/17/2026	Chief Policy Officer	\$0.00	Grant/Project	Funded exclusively by private or federal grants
2/17/2026	Occupational Nurse Consultant - Scala NW	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/18/2026	Healthcare Program Manager	\$14.70	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/18/2026	Healthcare Program Specialist	\$0.00	Travel ONLY - N/A 3rd Party	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/19/2026	Opioid Treatment Programs Administrator	\$0.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/19/2026	Director of Healthy Aging Initiatives	\$0.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
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2/20/2026	Director of Healthy Aging Initiatives	\$927.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential to the responsibilities of a position
2/19/2026	Healthcare Program Specialist	\$462.00	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, Traspo, etc.)	Rationale for Approving Exception
11/21/2025	2/17/2026	71028742	Section Manager	WMS03	WMS Band 3	9513 (53% state; 47% federal)	This position supervises 8 statewide contracts that provide the framework for the crisis delivery system across the state, supervises statewide State Plan entitlement benefits and services that the agency is required to provide to Apple Health clients (e.g. 1915(i)/CBHS services), and manages a section of professional staff who administer critical Medicaid programs and contracts.

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
2/5/2026	SHI	Articulate is a suite of eLearning authoring tools that enable users to create interactive and engaging online courses, training, programs, and presentations. Training and eLearning modules created with Articulate can be integrated into LMS for tracking and monitoring learner progress. Articulate is used by the following divisions: ERD, DBHR, AHSO, and ERB.	03/06/2026 - 03/05/2027	\$15,817.96	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/13/2026	TBD	Lead Business and OCM analysis on future state gaps - identify and resolve for Acct/Budget staff - agency unique business processes	03/02/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$225,000.00	Other state funds This is special funding from OFM through their state-wide technology funds. The formal approval from OFM is included in supporting documentation.	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/17/2026	Unknown	This is not new funding ->Federal regulations under Subpart E, External Quality Review, 42 C.F.R. § 438.310 through 42 C.F.R. § 438.370, require States contracting with MCOs for the delivery of services covered under Medicaid to contract with an External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). This includes conducting mandatory and optional EQRO related activities. Through analysis and evaluation, the EQRO's oversight contributes to increasing the likelihood of desired outcomes for enrollees. The EQRO contract is essential to meeting these requirements and ensuring quality, timeliness and access to care for Medicaid clients in Managed Care organizations. The EQRO is responsible for the following required functions: - Annual MCO HEDIS Audits, production of the annual EQRO Technical Report, annual production of the Comparative Analysis Report, annual Apple Health Plan Report Card, annual Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Surveys, and Annual Secret Shopper Survey - Program Index A3622 for RH (85%) and C3622 for CBH (15%) - Length of contract will be five years with a potential of annual extensions up the three additional years.	01/01/2027 - 12/31/2035	\$9,272,020.00	Split Funding	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/17/2026	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Add a work order to the Mercer convenience contract to support analysis on Tribal RTF cost-based rates for SUD Inpatient Secure Withdrawal Management Facility and MH Evaluation and Treatment Facility (Lummi & Tulalip). This contract will also include Mercer providing guidance to the HCA to develop policy and billing guidance, include the development of a WAC code. - - This work is necessary for the Jamestown Healing Clinic Tribal Evaluation and Treatment Facility and the opening of the Lummi Nation Secure Withdrawal Management and Substitution facilities. Both are new, first ever Tribal ITA facilities in Washington. The State legislature has fully funded both the facility development and now HCA is working with them on Medicaid billing pieces. For Lummi Nation, we have a SPA that allows us to negotiate SUD RTF Cost-based rates with them, and for Jamestown, we need a fiscal analysis to consider a future SPA. Both of these are time sensitive and need the support of actuaries to accomplish our goals for next steps. - 	02/01/2026 - 06/30/2026	\$115,000.00	Gen State Funds (GFS)	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/17/2026	Gail Pettis	To provide orthodontist consulting services for utilization review and medical necessity determinations for orthodontia services as defined by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 182-501-0165 for Apple Health/Medicaid clients.	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028	\$639,000.00	Split Funding SFY27 GFS \$79,875 / GFF \$239,625- SFY28 GFS \$79,875 / GFF \$239,625- 	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/17/2026	CVF Dental Consulting LLC	To provide Dental consulting services for utilization review and medical necessity determinations for dental services as defined by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 182-501-0165 for Apple Health/Medicaid clients	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028	\$311,120.00	Split Funding SFY27 GFS \$38,790 / GFF \$116,670- SFY28 GFS \$38,790 / GFF \$116,670 - 	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/18/2026	Foundation for Health Care Quality/the Bree Collaborative	Explain how this spend request meets one of the exemption criteria listed above: - - Essential - necessary to continue critical services- - The Robert Bree collaborative was established in law in 2011 by the Washington State Legislature "to provide a mechanism through which public and private health care stakeholders can work together to improve quality, health outcomes, and cost-effectiveness of care in Washington State." HCA has maintained a contract with Foundation for Health Care Quality (FHCQ) since the inception of this law to assist in a providing high quality, affordable healthcare system to the people of Washington state and beyond with this service going well beyond government expertise. Some health care services currently provided in Washington State present significant safety, efficacy, or cost-effectiveness concerns. Substantial variation in practice patterns or high utilization trends can be indicators of poor quality and potential waste in the health care system, without producing better care outcomes. FHCQ has a demonstrated track record of providing this service. - - No other Washington-based entity can offer the level of evidence-based health care analysis with the trust necessary to scale-up key health care service delivery initiatives in Washington. FHCQ is governed by a board of directors composed of individuals with significant expertise in understanding issues important to patients, physicians, employees, insurance plans, health policy analysts, hospitals, and government agencies. FHCQ resources are frequently used to bring together people with varied perspectives around a shared goal: the continual improvement of sustainable health care that meets or exceeds established standards. - - - 	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2028	\$960,000.00	Split Funding State 42.47%- Federal 43.95%- PEBB/Other 1.29%- Aid/Other 1.29%- 	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/18/2026	Moda Health	HCA to pre-purchase 375 hours for 2026 from Moda for LUMP PEBB at \$200 per hour. Pre-purchased hours are used to pay for Moda work completed outside of what is covered under the base admin fee in the HCA/Moda contract # K-5661. At the end of 2026, remaining hours can be rolled over or refunded based on HCA's preference.	02/12/2026 - 03/02/2026	\$75,000.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations
2/18/2026	Moda Health	2025 annual audit of LUMP pharmaceutical claims performed by Aon Burcfield working with Moda and Navitus to ensure the claims are adjudicating correctly and in alignment to the LUMP COCs and the LUMP 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.	01/12/2023 - 01/21/2026	\$47,260.00	Other state funds	Essential Necessary to continue critical services or agency operations

Goods and Equipment Freeze Exception Report to OFM

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