



Washington State
Health Care Authority

First Friday Forum

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Topics

- Premium Payment Program Follow-up
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP)
- Medicare Savings Program Methodology
- Enrollment and Renewals

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

Premium Payment Program Overview

- Available to Apple Health (Medicaid) recipients who are enrolled in a full scope Medicaid program.
- Allows individuals to take advantage of private health insurance.
- Keeps Medicaid as the payer of last resort.

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

- An individual could be denied based on their private insurance plan.
- A client can receive reimbursement via check or direct deposit.
 - The client is reimbursed, not the employer.
- Does not reimburse dental or vision plans only. The client must have an accompanying health plan.

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

- This program is open to adults and children.
- HCA does not notify an employer that an individual is in Medicaid or the Premium Payment Program.
- Whole family premiums may be reimbursed, depending on cost-effectiveness.

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

- Currently, there is not a lot of outreach conducted on this program. However, with the introduction of the School Employees Benefit Board (SEBB) program, more outreach may be done on the Premium Payment Program.

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

Revenue and Premiums
Premium Payment Program
P.O. Box 45518, Olympia, WA 98599-5518



Dear Client,

Our records indicate that you have health insurance for yourself or another family member who is also eligible for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid). Our Premium Program may be able to assist you with premiums that you pay for your health insurance.

Attached you will find an application. If you are interested in Premium Payment assistance, please complete and return the application. Please provide us with all of the requested information.

Based on the information you provide we will determine if you qualify for premium reimbursement. If your insurance is through your employer, there may be additional information needed to complete the application process. You should get an approval or denial letter within 30 days from the receipt of the application and all the requested information.

You may fax items (toll free fax listed below), email them to melissa.bruce@hca.wa.gov, or mail them using the postage paid envelope provided.

You can visit our website for more information:
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/premium-payment-program>

If you have questions about the program please feel free to contact us at our toll free phone number and extension between 10:00am to 1:00pm Monday-Friday.

Premium Payment Program
Phone: Toll Free 1-800-562-3022, extension 15473 Mon-Fri 10:00am-1:00pm
Melissa Bruce Supervisor (360)725-1572
Melissa.Bruce@hca.wa.gov
Fax: 1-877-893-3810

Premium Payment Program Follow-up

- For more information, please contact
Melissa Bruce
 - Email: Melissa.bruce@hca.wa.gov
 - Phone: (360) 725-1572
- General questions for enrollees:
 - 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
 - Available Mon-Fri from 10:00am – 1:00pm

Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program

Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP)

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) provides Apple Health coverage to eligible women with breast and cervical cancer.

The Department of Health partners with the HCA Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS) unit for enrollment and re-enrollment in the program. HCA administers the payment to providers.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program

The MEDS unit processes applications and coordinates with DOH and the Prime Contractors on applications and renewals.

The Prime Contractors establish eligibility for BCCTP, coordinate with providers and clients to complete applications and provide patient navigation services to establish treatment.

BCCTP Eligibility

To be eligible for the BCCT Program, an individual must:

- Be enrolled in the Breast, Cervical and Colon Health Program (BCCHP)
- Have income below 300% of the FPL
- Be under 65 years old
- Be a Washington state resident
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident who has met the 5-year bar
- Be uninsured or without credible health coverage

Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program Eligibility continued

- Be ineligible for another Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) program
- Have a qualifying diagnosis of breast or cervical cancer or pre-cancer

Female to Male transgender clients are eligible for BCCTP. However, men with breast cancer are not.

BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical

The BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program provides Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) treatment coverage to eligible non-citizens with cancer, as part of a state-funded program.

These clients do not receive coverage for other health concerns while in the AEM program.

Coverage starts after diagnosis and only covers medically necessary treatment of cancer.

BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical Eligibility

To be eligible for the BCCTP AEM program, an individual must be:

- A non-citizen
- Not eligible for Washington Apple Health due to citizenship status
- Meets categorical and financial eligibility criteria for MAGI medical programs except has no SSN or does not meet citizenship/immigration status requirements
- 19 years or older
- Not pregnant

BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical Eligibility continued

- Resident of Washington state
- Uninsured or without credible health coverage
- Have a qualifying diagnosis of cancer

BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical

- Examples of covered services:**
- Pharmacy
 - Surgery
 - Laboratory
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiology
 - Radiation
 - Anesthesia
 - Endocrine Therapy
 - Hospice
 - Physician and ARNP Services
 - Interpreter
 - Office based care
 - Non-emergency transportation
 - Inpatient and Outpatient hospital care

BCCTP Alien Emergency Medical

Examples of non-covered services:

- Pre-cancerous conditions
- Reconstructive surgery
- Cancer screenings
- Diagnostic workgroup to determine cancer diagnosis

Medicare Savings Program Methodology

Medicare Savings Program (MSP) Methodology

- Effective July 15, MSP will now use a new alternate methodology when determining household size.
- The new methodology will simply apply the appropriate Federal Poverty Level (FPL), based on the countable number of members to a new FPL based on household size.
- The new standards chart with MSP income limits based on household size are posted and effective 8/1/2019.
- The MSP desk aid and eligibility chart are currently under construction but will be available soon with examples.

Auto Renewals & Retro

MAGI Auto-Renewal Rates & Retro

- Percentage of Apple Health recipients whose coverage was auto-renewed:

Percentage of Apple Health recipients whose coverage was auto-renewed

Average of 74% for June, July and August

- Retro status:

Oldest received date:	Cases waiting to be worked:
7/16/2019	406

Questions?

MEDS email:

AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov

Managed Care questions:

HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov

Email verification:

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HCADData@hca.wa.gov