



First Friday Forum

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Auto-renewal rate & retro

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

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75% a month – about 3 of every 4 clients get auto-renewed

Retro status:

Oldest received date	Cases waiting to be worked
November 21, 2018	1,644



COFA Islander Health Care

- 998 enrollees as of Tuesday
- Navia Benefit Solutions mails a card for out-of-pocket costs within 10 days of sponsorship. If the card is not received, contact HCA.
- If the client exceeds the \$300 monthly deposit on the Navia card and needs more for out-of-pocket expenses, contact HCA.
- Health Care Authority COFA Islander Health Care:
 - 1-800-547-3109
 - COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov

COFA status

To enroll in COFA Islander Health Care during the benefit year, an individual must qualify for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP).



Qualifying events include:

- Changes in household size
- Reconciliation of federal taxes
- Loss of minimum essential coverage

For a complete list, visit: <https://www.wahbexchange.org/new-customers/who-can-sign-up/special-enrollment-period/special-enrollment-qualifying-events/>

After a client is enrolled

If a client receives a bill from their provider with DOS on/after January 1, 2019, they use their Navia card to pay the balance for all services covered by their plan.

Questions on	Who to contact:
COFA Islander Health Care	Health Care Authority 1-800-547-3109
Want to know if a service is covered	Client contacts their Health Plan
Need to update client's Washington Healthplanfinder application	Washington Healthplanfinder 1-855-923-4633
Need an authorization for additional funds	Health Care Authority COFA line 1-800-547-3109

Government shutdown

- The current government shutdown (or threat of one) does not impact Medicaid, CHIP, or Medicare.
- The agency that administers Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP had its budget previously approved through September 30, 2019.

Deduction changes

- The school tuition and fees deduction is no longer allowable by the IRS - it expired at the end of 2017.
- If a client reports this deduction, the amount will not reduce the countable income.
- Student loan interest is still an allowable deduction.
- Moving costs also changed – IRS only allows this deduction for active duty Armed Forces who have moved based on orders.
- We're working on Healthplanfinder changes to remove the tuition/fees deduction and update the moving costs question.
- Updated MAGI Deductions Guide in the back, can be found at hca.wa.gov – search for “MAGI reference guides” and click on “Reference guides”

Questions?

MEDS email:

AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov

Managed Care questions:

HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov

Email verification:

Apple@hca.wa.gov

Data requests:

HCAData@hca.wa.gov

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Kids:

