



First Friday Forum

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Topics

- HCA Updates
- Health Care for Compact of Free Association (COFA) Dental Care
- Apple Health (Medicaid) Prior Authorization (Honor Auth.)
- Health Care for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) Program
- Enrollment and Renewals

HCA Updates

Updates

- New Division Director (MPOI)
- GovDelivery

Dental Care



**COFA Islander
Health Care**

COFA Islander Dental Care

Engrossed Senate Bill 5274 was passed by the legislature this session to give COFA islanders who are also Washington residents dental benefits under a qualified dental plan.

The dental benefits will begin January 2021 (open enrollment 2020).

COFA Islander Dental Care

The bill requires for the HCA to work with the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) to:

- Establish an annual community education and outreach program;
- Contract with a Washington organization that has multilingual language capacity.

The advisory committee must be extended until at least December 31st 2021.

COFA Islander Dental Care

To qualify for COFA Islander Dental Care, an individual must be enrolled in COFA Islander Health Care or Medicare and:

- Be a COFA islander and a Washington resident;
- Have countable income under 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL);
- Be ineligible for a federal or state medical assistance program administered by the authority under chapter 74.09 RCW.

Apple Health (Medicaid) Prior Authorization (Honor Auth.)

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HCA has developed a guidance document for consistent processes to obtain prior authorizations for clients who are incarcerated and need access to behavioral health services.

The process of coordination prior to release for Medicaid clients includes:

- Identifying the Managed Care Organization (MCO)
- Requesting a Prior Authorization (PA)

For more information visit the Medicaid Suspension website:

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/Prior-authorizations-and-correctional-facilities-release-to-SUD-residential-facilities.pdf>

Apple Health Prior Auth. (Honor Auth)

For non-Medicaid individuals, the provider should work with the BH-ASO to obtain prior authorization and coordination of payment.

Contact the HCA if a provider continues to experience barriers after attempting to coordinate services for a Medicaid client from a correctional facility to a residential SUD treatment facility.

Contact information: HCAintegratedmcquestions@hca.wa.gov

Health Care for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) program

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Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) allows people with disabilities who are working to purchase medical coverage by paying a monthly premium that is based on their income.

HWD benefits include:

- Medicaid benefit package, including Medicaid personal care services;
- Greater personal and financial independence;
- Members can earn and save more without the risk of losing their healthcare coverage.

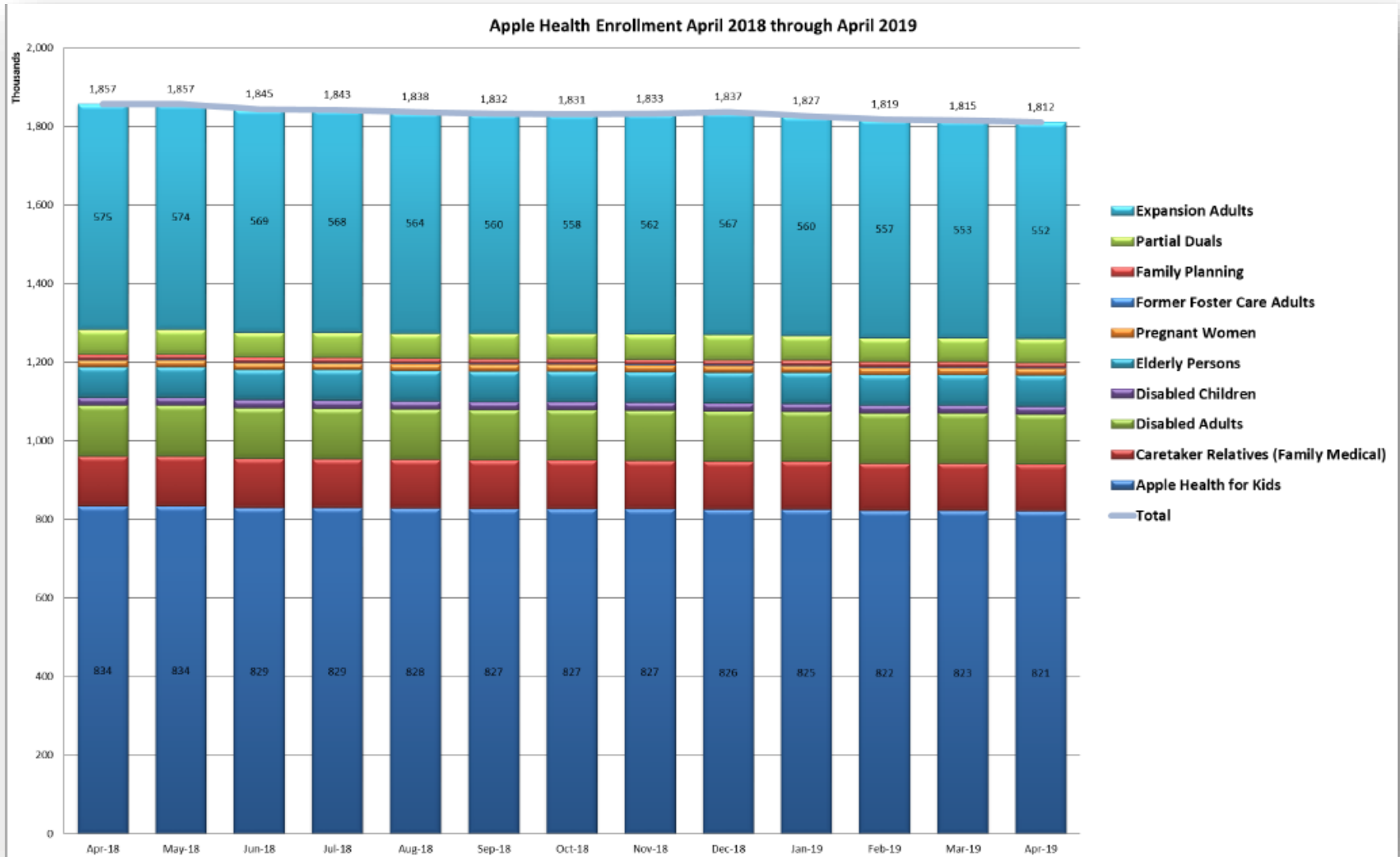
Health Care for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) Program

House Bill 1199 was passed by the legislature this session authorizing the HCA to consider a person's income when establishing cost-sharing requirements.

The bill removes eligibility restrictions for the program which are based on a person's age or income. This takes effect January 1, 2020.

The bill also requires HCA to seek federal approval to exclude some resources that are used when determining eligibility for other medical assistance programs.

Enrollments & Renewals



Source: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/Apple-Health-enrollment-totals.pdf>

MAGI Renewal Rates

Month	Total Individuals
July 2019	106,189
August 2019	107,012
September 2019	107,425

The average for auto-renewals over the last six months is around 76%

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