



First Friday Forum

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Topics

- Public Charge Injunction
- COFA Open Enrollment & Updates
- Eligibility Webinar
- Enrollment and Renewals

Public Charge

Public Charge Injunction

- On October 11, 2019, a US District Court judge issued a preliminary injunction to stop the changes to the USCIS public charge policy from going into effect.
- As of October 15, 2019 there will be no changes to the public charge rules and the way the public charge is determined.

Public Charge

- HCA will share more information once we know more about the injunction.
- HCA and other state agency staff cannot provide advice.
- Make sure to enter information exactly as provided and that you have received consent from the applicant.

Public Charge Resources

Individuals potentially affected by the rule are advised to seek independent legal counsel. They may contact one of the following organizations for help:

- CLEAR Hotline: 1-888-201-1014
- Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP):
 - Seattle Office: 206-587-4009
 - Yakima Valley (Granger) Office: 509-854-2100
 - Wenatchee Office: 509-570-0054

Additional Resources

- **Final Rule (full text)**
[federalregister.gov/documents/2019/08/14/2019-17142/inadmissibility-on-public-charge-grounds](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/08/14/2019-17142/inadmissibility-on-public-charge-grounds)
- **Protecting Immigrant Families campaign**
<https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/>
- **Immigration and Refugee Resources**
governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/safe-communities/immigration-and-refugee-resources
- **HCA Stakeholder Training and Education Webpage**
hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/stakeholder-training-and-education

COFA Open Enrollment & Updates

Second Open Enrollment

2019 open enrollment is November 1 – December 15.

- All silver level qualified health plans offered in 2020 are available for COFA Islander Health Care.
- There is no separate renewal process for COFA Islander Health Care.
 - COFA Islanders currently enrolled in the program will remain enrolled in COFA Islander Health Care when they meet all eligibility criteria.
- COFA Islanders can choose a new plan for 2020.

Outreach Efforts

Facebook Live video on 11/7/19

Attending the following Enrollment and Outreach events:

- Snohomish Health District – 11/2/19
- Bridgeview Resource Center – 11/20/19
- King County Public Health – 12/7/19

COFA Share Your Story

Apple Health and COFA Islanders

COFA islanders may be approved for:

- Alien Emergency Medical (AEM). COFA islanders can enroll in AEM and COFA Islander Health Care concurrently.
- Medical Care Services (MCS). MCS is a DSHS program for individuals approved for ABD cash/HEN. COFA islanders cannot have both MCS and COFA Islander Health Care.
- Apple Health Pregnancy Medical. COFA Islander Health Care will end when an individual reports a due date in Washington Healthplanfinder. They can choose which program they would like to enroll in.

Enrollment Updates

Sponsored as of October 29th

Applications	Individuals
878	1112

COFA Resources

- COFA Islander Website:
 - hca.wa.gov/cofa
- Questions? Email:
 - COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov
- Phone number:
 - 1-800-547-3109
- COFA Islander Program Manager:
 - Ariel Pyrtek at Ariel.Pyrtek@hca.wa.gov
 - Shaunie McLeod at Shaunie.McLeod@hca.wa.gov
- COFA Outreach Toolkit:
 - www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-and-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/cofa-outreach-toolkit

Eligibility Webinar

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Next eligibility webinar will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Invitations will be sent 12/6/19

Topics:

- Income
 - Migrant/fluctuating income
- Deductions
- Other updates

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/webinars-video-and-presentations>

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 76% for August, September and October

- Retro status:

Oldest received date:	Cases waiting to be worked:
9/17/19	1064

Questions?

MEDS email:

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HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov

Email verification:

Apple@hca.wa.gov

Data requests:

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