

First Friday Forum

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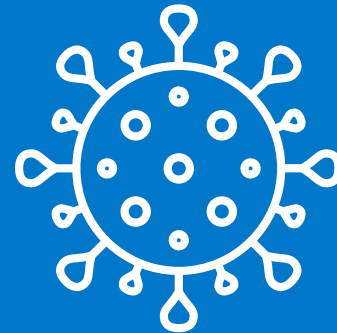
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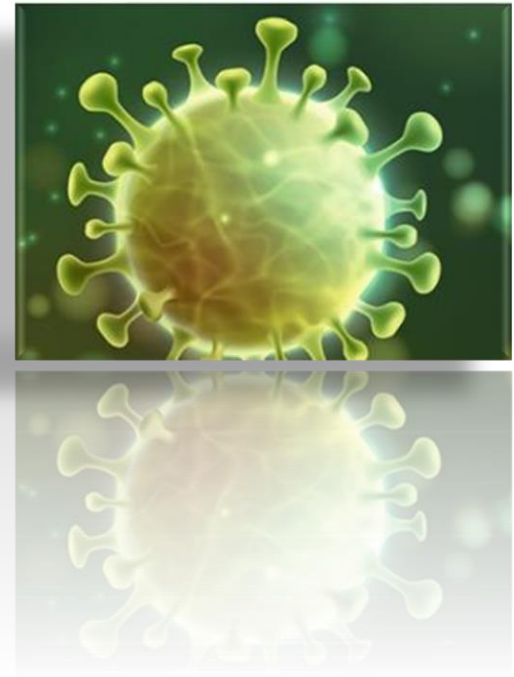


Public Health Emergency

- ▶ The Public Health Emergency (PHE) was renewed and extended through January 16, 2022.
- ▶ According to [HHS' letter to the Governors](#), the PHE may be extended in 90-day increments and HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to termination.

*Source:

[https://f.datasrvr.com/fr1/621/80970/PHE_Extension.HHS letter to Governors.pdf](https://f.datasrvr.com/fr1/621/80970/PHE_Extension.HHS_letter_to_Governors.pdf)



Unwinding of the PHE

- ▶ Based on CMS guidelines, the Office of Medicaid Eligibility Policy (OMEP) continues to ensure the unwinding timeline follows these basic principles:
 - ▶ Simple for consumers.
 - ▶ Mindful of the work Health Care Authority (HCA) eligibility staff will have to perform.
 - ▶ Applying an equity lens to planning and outreach components.
 - ▶ Considers the different needs of MAGI and Non-MAGI programs.

Washington Listens

- ▶ [WAListens.org](https://www.walistens.org) helps people manage stress and anxiety they may be experiencing because of COVID-19.



COVID-19 resources

- ▶ **Apple eligibility and COVID-19:**
HCAAHEligCovid19@hca.wa.gov
- ▶ **HCA information on COVID-19:**
hca.wa.gov/coronavirus
- ▶ **HCA stakeholder training & education resources:**
hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training
- ▶ **HCA reference guides:**
hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/reference-guides

Apple Health and the PHE

Apple Health temporary changes

- ▶ During the PHE, the Health Care Authority made several changes to Apple Health eligibility.
- ▶ Coverage is reinstated for any Apple Health recipients when coverage was closed on or after 3/18/2020 unless the individual:
 - ▶ Requests closure;
 - ▶ Is no longer a Washington state resident;
 - ▶ Fails to meet citizenship or immigration criteria; or
 - ▶ Dies.

Apple Health temporary changes

- ▶ Self-attestation of income is accepted to determine eligibility; post-eligibility reviews are not being conducted.
- ▶ Premium collection for Apple Health for Kids with Premiums (CHIP) and Apple Health for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) stopped.



Apple Health temporary changes

- ▶ Coverage for Apple Health clients is extended during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).
 - ▶ While termination notices may generate during this time for reasons such as excess income, HCA identifies and reinstates coverage for clients whose eligibility is terminated.
- ▶ HCA customer service staff are reaching out to Apple Health clients to help with renewals.

Project updates



Immigration update

- ▶ Afghans and their families arriving in the U.S. are admitted under one of the following programs:
 - ▶ Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) program;
 - ▶ Special Immigrant (SI) Parolee;
 - ▶ Special Immigrant Conditional Permanent Residents (CPRs); or
 - ▶ Humanitarian parolee
- ▶ While the SIV program is not new, the Special Immigrant (SI) Parolee is a new immigration classification.

*Source: hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/afghan-special-immigrant-visas-and-parolees.pdf

Re-entry

- ▶ New legislation directs HCA to re-evaluate the suspension process for incarcerated individuals and the improvement of coordination and pre-release planning between the Department of Corrections, local jails, juvenile rehabilitation, and Apple Health managed care organizations.
- ▶ HCA has formed a re-entry workgroup and several subgroups with stakeholders, business partners, providers, and managed care organizations to consider ways to improve re-entry medical services for individuals entering and exiting an institution.

Postpartum

- ▶ State Senate Bill 5068* directs HCA to extend postpartum coverage to all eligible persons from 60 days to 12 months.
- ▶ During the PHE, coverage continues for those who had their pregnancy end unless they move out of state, request closure, or are deceased.

*Source: [app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary?BillNumber=5068&Year=2021&Initiative=False](http://app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary/BillNumber=5068&Year=2021&Initiative=False)

Postpartum

- ▶ HCA continues to meet with IT business partners on system design.
- ▶ The Outreach workgroup is scheduled to meet on December 16 to work on specific communication and audience.
- ▶ HCA is working with stakeholders to create a new program name.
- ▶ If you would like to receive project updates, contact Melissa.Rivera@hca.wa.gov.

COFA Islander programs transition

Individuals enrolled in COFA Islander programs who were:

- ▶ Under age 65 and without Medicare transitioned to Apple Health for Adults on July 1.
 - ▶ Their COFA Islander programs and qualified health plans ended June 30 (they had continuous coverage).
- ▶ Age 65 and older or have Medicare must apply for Apple Health via Washington Connection.
 - ▶ Their COFA Islander programs continued to ensure coverage without a gap while applying through the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

2022 plan year

- ▶ COFA islanders currently enrolled in COFA Islander Programs will have to manually renew their QHP and QDP during open enrollment to determine 2022 eligibility.
- ▶ If they are no longer eligible after completing the manual renewal, they should:
 - ▶ Apply for Apple Health
 - ▶ Contact HCA if they:
 - ▶ Have not met their spenddown
 - ▶ Are over resources for Apple Health

Renewal notice



10/28/2021

Application ID:



Renew Your COFA Islander Health Care Starting November 1

Dear ,

You must do your renewal after November 1 to see if you can keep getting COFA Islander Health Care and COFA Islander Dental Care.

Online: wahealthplanfinder.org

Mobile application: WAPlanfinder

Phone: 1-855-923-4633

If you don't, your COFA Islander Health Care or COFA Islander Dental Care ends December 31, 2021.

COFA contact information

▶ **Health Care Authority COFA Islander programs:**

- ▶ Website: hca.wa.gov/cofa
- ▶ Email: COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov
- ▶ Phone: 1-800-547-3109

▶ **Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington:**

- ▶ Website: Pihealthboard.org
- ▶ Phone: 1-888-308-7113

2022 Apple Health Service Area Map

Apple Health Managed care service area map

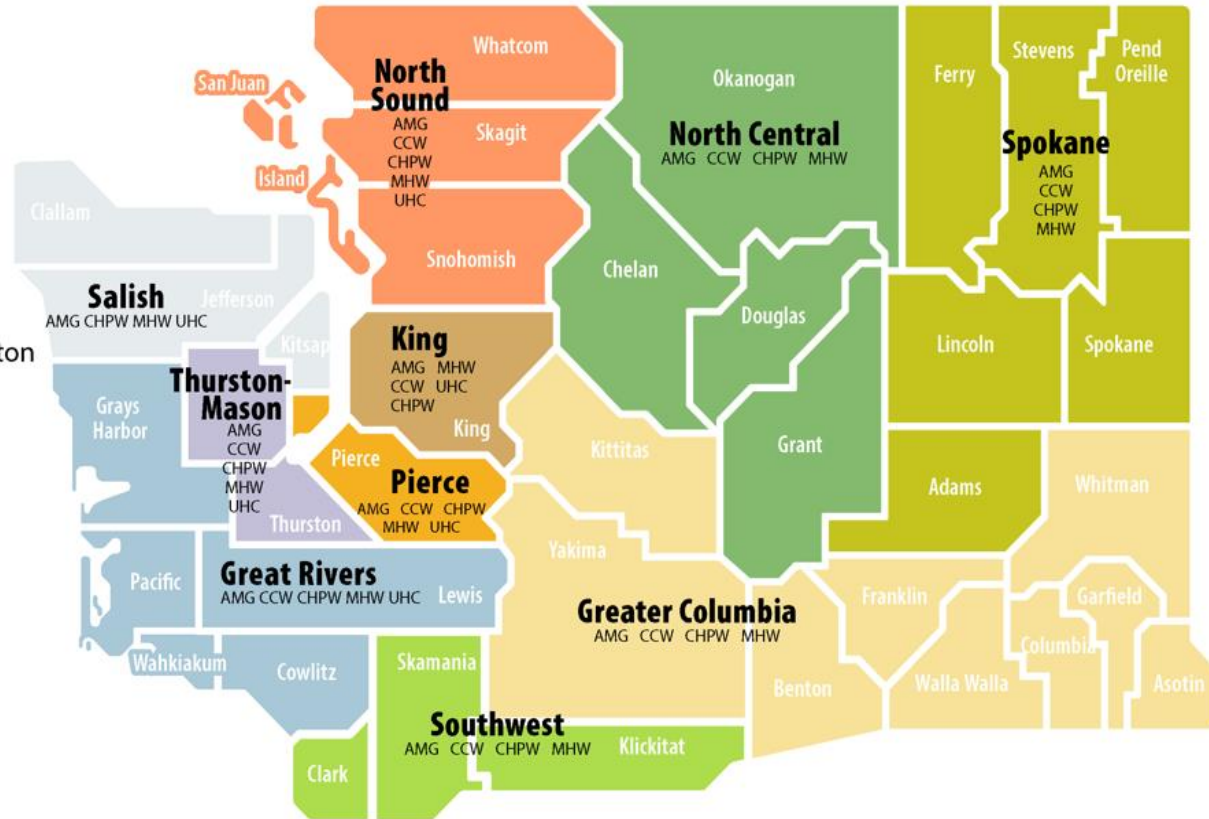
Integrated managed care regions

Greater Columbia	Thurston-Mason
King	Salish
North Sound	Great Rivers
Pierce	Southwest Washington
Spokane	North Central

 Apple Health Foster Care (statewide)[†]

Health plans offered

AMG	- Amerigroup Washington
CCW	- Coordinated Care of Washington
CHPW	- Community Health Plan of Washington
MHW	- Molina Healthcare of Washington
UHC	- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan



[†] Apple Health Foster Care is a statewide program. Integrated managed care is provided through Apple Health Core Connections (Coordinated Care of Washington - CCW).

Retro

MAGI retro

Oldest received date	Cases to be worked
11/29/2021	17

Resources

Find a form or publication

- ▶ Visit the [Stakeholder training and education webpage](https://hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training)* to order limited copies of materials available in English and to download materials in other languages.

Stakeholder training and education

Community-based training


Reference guides

Webinars, video, and presentations

Apple Health outreach toolkit

COFA outreach toolkit

Hospital Presumptive Eligibility

 Due to COVID-19, HCA's lobby is closed. Learn more about [HCA's customer service options during the pandemic](#).

Apple Health outreach toolkit

Find Apple Health (Medicaid) materials for stakeholders, providers, community-based organizations, tribal organizations, trainers, and assisters to use for outreach.

On this page



- [Apple Health informational materials](#)
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*hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training

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