

First Friday Forum

HCA Update
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Agenda

- ▶ Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- ▶ Justice involved re-entry
- ▶ Postpartum coverage extension
- ▶ Compact of Free Association (COFA) Islander programs
- ▶ Consumer Notices Workgroup
- ▶ Retro
- ▶ Questions

Public health emergency

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- ▶ The Public Health Emergency (PHE) was renewed and extended through July 19, 2021.
- ▶ According to the [HHS letter to Governors*](#), the PHE could be extended through the rest of 2021.
- ▶ HCA and its partners continue to maintain coverage for Apple Health clients by extending Apple Health coverage during the PHE. HCA will continue to share updates as new information becomes available.

*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)

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

Washington Listens

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



Justice involved re-entry

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- ▶ New legislation directs HCA to change the suspension process for an incarcerated person's Medicaid eligibility.
 - ▶ Also requires coordination and pre-released planning between the Department of Corrections, local jails, and Apple Health (Medicaid) managed care organizations.
- ▶ HCA is working on a re-entry medical services workgroup with justice involved stakeholders and managed care organizations to consider ways to improve re-entry medical services for individuals.

Postpartum coverage extension

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- ▶ State Senate Bill 5068* passed and was signed by Governor Inslee. This bill directs HCA to extend postpartum coverage to all women 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.
- ▶ HCA continues to work with federal partners and will share updates as they become available.

*Source: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5068&Year=2021&Initiative=False>



COFA Islander Programs

Total enrolled

Total enrolled as of 5/28/2021

COFA Islander Health Care	COFA Islander Dental Care
2130	1185



Washington
Apple Health

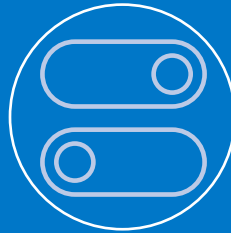
Restoration for COFA islanders

- ▶ The passing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 restored Medicaid eligibility to COFA islanders.
- ▶ COFA islanders are now considered lawfully present, qualified non-citizens, exempt from the 5-year bar.
- ▶ The restoration does not create a COFA Islander Apple Health program. Eligible COFA islanders will enroll into existing programs for example, Apple Health for Adults.
- ▶ COFA Islander Health Care and Dental Care will still be available for those who are over resources for non-MAGI (Classic) Apple Health.

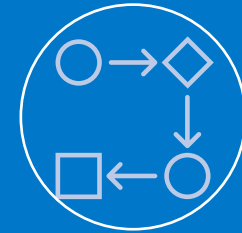
Implementation timeline



December 2020
Medicaid restored



June 20, 2021
System updated



July 1, 2021
Redetermine COFA
Islander programs



Outreach efforts

- ▶ Facebook Live event!
 - ▶ Tuesday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m.
- ▶ Sign up for GovDelivery today!
public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new

Subscription Topics

- Apple Health (Medicaid) programs and eligibility
- General information and updates ⓘ
- COFA Islander programs ⓘ

Consumer Notices Workgroup

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The Washington Apple Health Consumer Notices Workgroup* includes consumers, advocates, and agency representatives. This collaboration focuses on improving Apple Health notices in Washington Healthplanfinder.



If you know of any consumers wanting to participate in our workgroup, contact: Paige.Lewis@hca.wa.gov

*Source: hca.wa.gov/about-hca/apple-health-medicaid/consumer-notices-workgroup

Retro

MAGI retro

Oldest received date	Cases to be worked
5/25/2021	57



Questions

MEDS email:

AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov

Managed Care questions:

HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov

Email verification:

Apple@hca.wa.gov

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HCAData@hca.wa.gov