

# First Friday Forum

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# Agenda

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- ▶ Agency Updates
- ▶ Public Health Emergency
- ▶ 1095-B
- ▶ Family Planning Only application for non-citizens
- ▶ COFA Islander programs
- ▶ Retro

# Agency Updates

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# HCA Updates

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- ▶ Medicaid Eligibility Customer Support is now Medicaid Customer Service Division (MCSD), and Medicaid Program Operations and Integrity is now Medicaid Program Division (MPD)
- ▶ The Office of Medicaid Eligibility and Policy (OMEP) has moved from the Medicaid Customer Service Division to Medicaid Programs Division (formerly Medicaid Program Operations and Integrity)

# Public Health Emergency

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- ▶ The Public Health Emergency (PHE) was renewed and extended through April 20, 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 benefits 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)

# Washington Listens

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



# 1095-B

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# 1095-B

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- ▶ Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) recipients can now access their 2020 and older 1095-B tax forms from their Washington Healthplanfinder dashboard.
- ▶ An account is needed to access the 1095-B form online. Accounts can be created at any time by visiting [wahealthplanfinder.org](https://wahealthplanfinder.org).
- ▶ Visit [hca.wa.gov/1095-B](https://hca.wa.gov/1095-B) for more information.
- ▶ The link to the 1095-B is not available in the WAPlanfinder app. However, clients can access the form from their mobile phone by going to [wahealthplanfinder.org](https://wahealthplanfinder.org).

# Family Planning Only application for non-citizens

# FPO application for non-citizens

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- ▶ The purpose of the family planning only program is to provide family planning services to:
  - ▶ Improve access to family planning and family planning-related services;
  - ▶ Reduce unintended pregnancies; and
  - ▶ Promote healthy intervals between pregnancies and births.
- ▶ A client must meet the qualifications for either the state or the federal funded program to be eligible for family planning.

# FPO application for non-citizens

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- ▶ In 2019 the budget extended the program to non-citizens.
- ▶ HCA collaborated with stakeholders and community partners to help inform and share with the public.
- ▶ These efforts resulted in the development of the second application specifically for non-citizens.

# FPO application for non-citizens

Washington State Health Care Authority

### Application for Family Planning Only services for non-citizens

Are you currently pregnant?  Yes  No If you answered Yes, you are not eligible for family planning services, but may be eligible for health coverage. Apply online at [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org)

By filling out this application, you acknowledge you are applying for family planning services only.

#### 1. Applicant and Contact Information

First Name (use your full legal name) Middle Initial Last Name

Male  Female Date of birth Social Security Number (if you have one) Resident of Washington?  Yes  No

Address where you live Apt. # City State Zip Code

Mailing address Apt. # City State Zip Code

Home/cell/preferred number Work/message number Can we contact you at the phone numbers provided?  Yes  No

E-mail address

Do you have trouble speaking, reading, or writing English?  Yes  No

Do you need an interpreter?  Yes  No What language do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Private health insurance or Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage?  Yes  No

If **No**, you can make an informed choice to not apply for full-scope Apple Health coverage and still be eligible for the FPO programs **by checking the box below**.

For more information on how you may be eligible for other health care coverage, you can apply at [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org)

I choose to apply for family planning only coverage and am making an informed choice to not apply for full-scope Apple Health (Medicaid).

- ▶ Visit [hca.wa.gov/apple-health-client-forms](http://hca.wa.gov/apple-health-client-forms) and choose 13-0058 to view the application for Family Planning Only services for non-citizens.

# COFA Islander programs

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# COFA Islander programs and Medicaid



## Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Revision

- Implement rule changes to support Medicaid restoration



## System Enhancements

- Identify and resolve system barriers
- Support accurate program eligibility



## Community Engagement

- Develop outreach materials
- Partner with community advocates
- Share information and updates via webinars, virtual summits and social media posts



# Special Enrollment Period (SEP)

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- ▶ Outside of open enrollment, COFA Islanders may enroll in a QHP during a SEP. Qualifying life events may include marriage, permanent move, or tax reconciliation.
- ▶ The health plan may ask for documentation to verify the reported change.
- ▶ Visit [wahbexchange.org/special-enrollment-period](https://wahbexchange.org/special-enrollment-period) to view HBE Special Enrollment Qualifying Events for more information.



# Newly Eligible SEP

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To be considered for this SEP:

- ▶ Complete an application at [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org)
- ▶ Contact the Health Care Authority:
  - ▶ Email: [COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov](mailto:COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov)
  - ▶ Phone: 1-800-547-3109

Program staff will review the application and confirm COFA Islander Health Care eligibility and request a newly eligible SEP.

# Total enrolled

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Total enrolled as of 3/1/2021

COFA Islander Health Care	COFA Islander Dental Care
2032	1030

# Retro

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# MAGI retro

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Oldest received date	Cases to be worked
3/1/2021	0



# Questions

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**MEDS email:**

[AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov](mailto:AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov)

**Managed Care questions:**

[HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov)

**Email verification:**

[Apple@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Apple@hca.wa.gov)

**Data requests:**

[HCAData@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HCAData@hca.wa.gov)