

First Friday Forum

HCA Update
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Agenda

- ▶ Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- ▶ Public charge
- ▶ Postpartum coverage
- ▶ Compact of Free Association (COFA) Islander programs
- ▶ Consumer notices workgroup
- ▶ Retro
- ▶ Questions

Public health emergency

Public health emergency

- ▶ 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 benefits during the PHE. HCA will continue to share updates as new information becomes available.

*Source: 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.



Public charge

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Public charge* has ended for most Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage

The 2019 public charge rule from the previous administration has ended. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will no longer consider receiving Apple Health coverage for most individuals a negative factor when a person is applying for permanent residency.

*Source: hca.wa.gov/phe

Postpartum coverage

Postpartum coverage

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.

HCA will continue to share updates as they become available, and we learn more from our federal partners.

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

COFA Islander programs



Facebook Live

HCA held its second COFA Islander Programs Facebook live event on April 13th.



Outreach efforts

- ▶ COFA Islander programs events!
 - ▶ Facebook live event: Tuesday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m.
 - ▶ Webinar coming up May 27th!
- ▶ 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 ⓘ

Share your story



SHARE YOUR STORY

Has your enrollment in the COFA Islander Health Care program positively affected your life?

We want to share your story to inspire COFA Islanders, without health insurance, to sign up.

You will get a \$50 gift card if we use your story!

Submit your story at cofaquestions@hca.wa.gov

- 1 Provide a summary of your story, your full name, and contact information
- 2 Your submission will be reviewed and you may be contacted for an interview



- ▶ As part of our outreach efforts, we encourage COFA community members to share their story.
- ▶ Email COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov for more information!

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



Total enrolled

Total enrolled as of 4/28/2021

COFA Islander Health Care	COFA Islander Dental Care
2097	1141

Consumer notices workgroup

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The Consumer Notices Workgroup (CNW) is a collaboration between HCA, consumers and stakeholders consisting of community partners and legal advocates.

The mission of the CNW is to work together to improve all Apple Health notices by:

- ▶ Formatting the notices to increase readability
- ▶ Using plain talk language
- ▶ Increasing consumer confidence

Visit the [Consumer Notices workgroup webpage](#)* to see what the workgroup has been working on!

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

Consumer notices workgroup

The CNW is always looking for new members to add to our fun and creative workgroup.

Consumers can receive a quarterly \$50 gift card for their participation.

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

Retro

MAGI retro

Oldest received date	Cases to be worked
4/27/2021	10



Questions

MEDS email:

AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov

Managed Care questions:

HCAMCPrograms@hca.wa.gov

Email verification:

Apple@hca.wa.gov

Data requests:

HCADData@hca.wa.gov