

Classic Medicaid Information

	Oldest Document	Total Cases
Classic Medicaid: Spend Down Program	11/2	10
Classic Medicaid: Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases	11/4	1
Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program	10/26	10

Community Services Office Lobbies are closed

- Until the fall, all services are available remotely online at Washington.Connection.org or at 877-501-2233.
- Telephonic signature for all applications and eligibility reviews
- No EBT cards issued at the local offices except for clients with general delivery (masks required)
- Drop boxes are still available.

Community Services Office Reopen Nov. 15

- Primary access point will remain through the Call Center.
- Phased lobby reopening
- Phase 1:
 - EBT cards, gas cards, and bus passes
 - Authorized WorkFirst support services
 - CSO lobby phones to connect the Call Center
- Future phases include in-person services for those:
 - with reasonable accommodations or specialized needs
 - experiencing family violence or are in crisis
 - needing SSI application support
 - who cannot access services through the phone
 - who are Refugees working with advocates
 - who need ASL interpretation when no TTY service is available

Special Immigrants from Afghanistan

- UPDATE: Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) determined all four classes of immigrants from Afghanistan will be eligible for federal benefits
- Adults without children will be eligible for Refugee Cash Assistance

Refugee Cash Assistance Extension Ends

- Traditionally, Refugee Cash Assistance offers eight month of cash support for qualified immigrants.
- Due to Covid, the eight month limit was suspended.
- This extension ended September 30, 2021.

Basic Food Benefits Increase in Oct.

- Average benefits will rise at least 25% from pre-pandemic levels.
- Change letters will be sent mid-month
- Clients will automatically receive the increase.

Household Size	Pre-Pandemic Maximum Allotment	NEW Maximum Allotment
1	\$204	\$250
2	\$374	\$459
3	\$535	\$658
4	\$680	\$835
5	\$807	\$992
6	\$969	\$1190
7	\$1071	\$1316
8	\$1224	\$1504
9	\$1377	\$1692
10	\$1530	\$1880
11+	+153	+188

Fresh Bucks

- Helps Seattle residents afford fruits and vegetables
- Public lottery is now open through October 29th
- Randomly selected households will receive \$40 every month in “Fresh Bucks”
- www.seattlefreshbucks.org

Child Care (DCYF) Income Limits Increased

- Effective October 1st, income limits to qualify increase from 200% FPL to 60% of the state median income
- Families are encouraged to apply to determine if they are eligible under the new income standards
- Apply at Washington Connection or at 844-626-8687

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income at Initial Application
2	\$3,460
3	\$4,274
4	\$5,088
5	\$5,903
6	\$6,717
7	\$6,869
8	\$7,022
9	\$7,175

New Telephonic Phone Queues

- Applicants financially eligible for ABD/HEN can conduct their social service intake.
- Financially eligible TANF applicants can complete WorkFirst Orientation, the new Personal Pathway Tool and Individual Responsibility plans.

- Active TANF customers can complete their WorkFirst Reengagement appointment over the phone

Questions?

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