

Apple Health Expansion

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Apple Health Expansion

- ▶ Washington State's Legislature expands coverage for the uninsured:
 - ▶ **2022:** During the supplemental budget, the legislature directed HCA to develop a program to provide Medicaid equivalent health coverage to uninsured adults, with income up to 138% of the federal poverty level, who are ineligible for other federal assistance.
 - ▶ **2023:** The Legislature provided funding to operationalize this program and directed HCA to implement Apple Health Expansion on July 1, 2024.
 - ▶ Program funded, but not at level requested by HCA.
 - ▶ Based on funding levels, program enrollment limited.

Limited enrollment

- ▶ HCA anticipates the number of individuals eligible for and interested in enrolling will exceed the limited capacity of the new program.
- ▶ Estimated program enrollment of up to 13K people.
- ▶ Outreach efforts will include information about:
 - ▶ Program's limited capacity, and
 - ▶ How to access services for those transitioned and new applicants prior to meeting the capped enrollment.
- ▶ HCA intends to ensure program's capacity is maximized.
- ▶ **View the Enrollment cap announcement:**
hca.wa.gov/about-hca/news/announcements/apple-health-expansion-enrollment-cap

Current health coverage options

Immigrant health care coverage

Currently various Apple Health programs serve individuals not qualified for federally subsidized Medicaid because of their immigration status.

- ▶ Alien Emergency Medical
- ▶ Apple Health for Pregnant Individuals
- ▶ After-Pregnancy Coverage
- ▶ Apple Health for Kids
- ▶ Medical Care Services



New coverage option July 2024

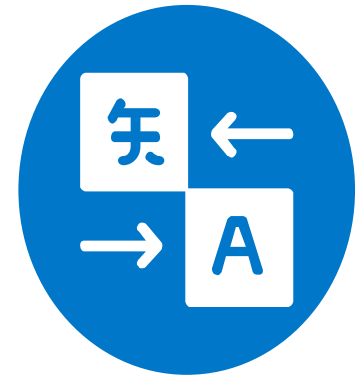
Program policies

- ▶ Will mirror federally funded Apple Health programs to the extent possible.
- ▶ Where possible HCA will use the same procedures as Apple Health, including:
 - ▶ Eligibility,
 - ▶ Enrollment,
 - ▶ Redetermination and renewals, and
 - ▶ Appeals procedures.
- ▶ Will be a managed care program.



Covered services

- ▶ Intent is to mirror the federally funded Medicaid program to the extent possible.
 - ▶ Integrated care
 - ▶ Physical and behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder treatment services).
 - ▶ Dental services.
 - ▶ Transportation and interpreter services.
- ▶ Pharmacy benefit is Apple Health Preferred Drug List (PDL).



Language access and interpreter services

- ▶ HCA provides language access services including:
 - ▶ Translation services available in 15 languages.
 - ▶ Additional languages available upon request.
 - ▶ Over the phone interpreters (OPI) are available in 217 languages.
 - ▶ Video remote interpreting (VRI) is available in 22 languages.
 - ▶ Sign language interpreters including:
 - ▶ American Sign Language (ASL), Spanish Sign Language, Russian Sign Language (RSL), Ukrainian Sign Language (USL), Vietnamese Sign Language, Cambodian Sign Language (CBDSL), and Mexican Sign Language (LSM).
- ▶ Learn more about language access online at hca.wa.gov/about-hca/language-access.

What we are still working on...

- ▶ In the coming weeks HCA will announce:
 - ▶ When the Apple Health Expansion application will be available to potential enrollees.
 - ▶ What will happen when the program has met its limited enrollment number and what potential enrollees can expect.
 - Future plan to implement an IT solution-based wait list, but will not be in place prior to July 1, 2024.
 - In the meantime, the agency will develop a plan to ensure orderly enrollment into the program as spots become available.
 - ▶ Apple Health Expansion communication plan.

Enrollment Management

Enrollment Transitions



- ▶ Individuals who are enrolled in the following programs and who meet eligibility requirements will be transitioned to AHE:
 - ▶ QHP-E enrollees who are enrolled by April 30th and who make their May payment.
 - ▶ Emergency Medical (AEM) enrollees
- ▶ Individuals who meet eligibility requirements and whose coverage in another Apple Health program is ending:
 - ▶ Apple Health After Pregnancy Care
 - ▶ Apple Health for Kids
 - ▶ Apple Health Extended Foster Care Coverage

Outreach & Community Engagement

Apple Health Expansion webinars

- ▶ Stakeholder webinars in a variety of languages posted online.*

Webinars

Date	Time	Webinar topic	Details
Wednesday, November 29, 2023	4-5 p.m.	Overview of Apple Health Expansion eligibility, covered services, and other available programs	View the webinar  Presentation slides Amharic Arabic Cambodian Chinese Russian Spanish Tagalog Ukrainian Vietnamese FAQ Amharic Arabic Cambodian Chinese Russian Spanish Tagalog Ukrainian Vietnamese
Friday, February 2, 2024	2-3 p.m.	Information for community-based organizations to learn about qualified health plan transitions, applying through Washington Healthplanfinder, and, application and enrollment details	View the webinar  Presentation slides Amharic Arabic Cambodian Chinese Russian Spanish Tagalog Ukrainian Vietnamese FAQ Amharic Arabic Cambodian Chinese Russian Spanish Tagalog Ukrainian Vietnamese

What can potential enrollees do now?

- ▶ Gather as much of this information as you can for each person applying:
 - ▶ Legal name
 - ▶ Birth date
 - ▶ Social Security numbers (if you have one)
 - You can still apply if you do not have one
 - ▶ [Immigration status*](#) (if any)
 - ▶ [Income information*](#)
 - ▶ Current health insurance (if any)
 - ▶ Add all members of your household, even if they are not applying. This way, you can get the best health plans and savings for your situation.

***Source:**

1. HCA Citizenship and immigration status guide: hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/citizenship_alien_status_guide.pdf
2. Washington Healthplanfinder "How to report income": wahealthplanfinder.org/us/en/tools-and-resources/how-to/how-report-income.html

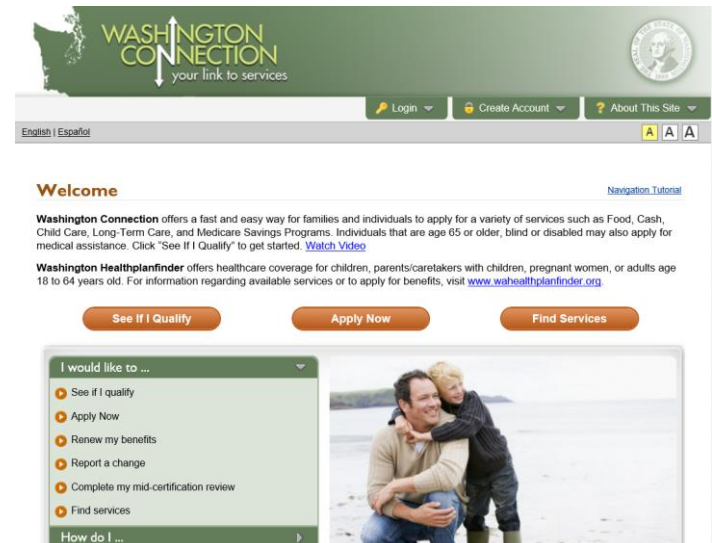
Enrollment options: age 19-64

- ▶ Enroll in coverage for:
 - ▶ Adults ages 19 to 64
 - ▶ Children
 - ▶ Parents or caretakers with children
 - ▶ Pregnant or applying for someone who is pregnant
- ▶ Online at Washington Healthplanfinder
- ▶ Download WAPlanfinder mobile app
- ▶ Phone: 1-855-923-4633
- ▶ Paper application
- ▶ In person through HBE navigator

The screenshot displays the Washington Healthplanfinder website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'En Español', and a search bar containing 'E.g. How do I renew my cover'. Below this is the 'healthplanfinder' logo with the tagline 'it's. compare. connect.'. A 'Sign In' button is visible on the right. The main content area features a dark banner with a warning icon and the text 'Need to make a change? Find out if you qualify for special enrollment.'. Below the banner is a 'What would you like to do today?' section with a list of actions: 'Sign In to Your Account', 'Report Changes', 'Free or Low-Cost Apple Health', 'Renew Your Coverage', 'Apply Now', 'Browse and Compare Plans', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Make a Payment'. To the right, there is a 'Find Health Coverage Now' section with a 'See if you can enroll' button. Below that is a 'Care for How You're Living' section with a 'Get Virtual Help' button and a photo of a smiling man. At the bottom, there are three columns: 'Get Financial Help' (Free or low-cost coverage through Washington Apple Health), 'Update Your Information' (Report a change in income, address and other details), and 'Submit Documents' (Submit from your account or use the mobile app).

Enrollment options: age 65+

- ▶ Enroll in coverage for:
 - ▶ Adults age 65 or older
 - ▶ Individuals who are blind or disabled
 - ▶ Those who need long-term services and supports
- ▶ Online at Washington Connection
- ▶ Phone: 1-877-501-2233
- ▶ Paper application
- ▶ In person at DSHS Community Services Office (for aged, blind or disabled coverage)
- ▶ In person at DSHS Home and Community Services Office (for long-term services and supports coverage)



Outreach & Community Engagement

▶ Partnering with HBE and the DSHS

- ▶ HCA is developing outreach materials that will be translated and added to an outreach toolkit.
- ▶ Feedback on what to include is encouraged.

▶ Temporary Community Engagement Advisory Committee

- ▶ Committee includes individuals representing community-based organizations and those with lived experience as well as community and legal advocates.
- ▶ Getting community feedback and developing outreach review process.



Apple Health Expansion eligibility flyer

- ▶ To share at outreach events.
- ▶ Translated in 15 languages.
 - ▶ Search for “Apple Health Expansion coming July 2024”
- ▶ For more information visit hca.wa.gov/ah-expansion.

Washington State Health Care Authority

Apple Health Expansion coming July 2024

What is Apple Health Expansion?
The 2022 supplemental budget directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) to develop a medical assistance program that would provide Medicaid equivalent health care coverage to uninsured adults who do not meet the immigration requirements for federal assistance.

Who is eligible?
You may be eligible for this program if you:

- Are a Washington resident age 19 or older,
- Have countable income under 138% of the federal poverty level,
- Do not qualify for other Apple Health programs based on immigration status,
- Are not pregnant or did not have a pregnancy end in the last 12 months, and
- Are not eligible for qualified health plans with advance premium tax credits (APTC), federally funded medical assistance programs

Learn about eligibility for other Apple Health programs at hca.wa.gov/apple-health-eligibility.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5
Monthly Income	\$1,677	\$2,268	\$2,859	\$3,450	\$4,042
Household Size	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$4,633	\$5,224	\$5,814	\$6,406	\$6,997

*Based on April 2023 standards. Standard subject to change annually.

When can I apply?
You can start applying for Apple Health Expansion Spring 2024.

When does coverage start?
Apple Health Expansion coverage begins July 1, 2024.

What coverage is available prior to July 1, 2024?
If you need to go to the doctor now, you can check to see if you qualify for Apple Health for Kids, Apple Health for pregnancy, Alton Emergency Medical (AEM) and Medical Care Services (MCS). For more information, visit hca.wa.gov/apple-health-non-citizens.

Where can I get more information?



- **Online:** hca.wa.gov/ah-expansion
- **Email:** ahexpansion@hca.wa.gov
- **Phone:** 1 800 562 3022

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