



Washington State  
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# Apple Health (Medicaid) and COVID-19

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**1095-B**

# 1095-B and MAGI Apple Health

The 1095-B link in Washington Healthplanfinder is now live!

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.

# 1095-B and Non-MAGI Apple Health

Individuals who are aged, blind, disabled or receiving long-term services and supports can request their 1095-B by:

Using the Apple Health Contact us webform.

Visit [fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1contactus](https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1contactus)

Select 1095-B from drop-down menu

Calling the Medical Assistance Customer Service Center (MACSC) at 1-800-562-3022.

# COFA Islander programs

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The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 included a provision to restore Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) to individuals from the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Health Care Authority is working with its state and federal partners to implement this momentous change and will share more information in the coming months.

# COFA Islander Programs

Sign up for GovDelivery to have the most up-to-date information on the Apple Health transition and other COFA Islander Programs at [public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new).

If a Special Enrollment Period is needed, please contact us at [COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov](mailto:COFAQuestions@hca.wa.gov)

For more information visit: [hca.wa.gov/COFA](https://hca.wa.gov/COFA)

# COVID-19 Updates

# Public Health Emergency

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) has been extended through April 20, 2021 however, there is a likelihood of the PHE being extended through the rest of 2021.

States will be notified 60 days prior to the termination of the PHE.

View HCA's COVID-19 information page at [hca.wa.gov/coronavirus](https://hca.wa.gov/coronavirus).

View HCA's Apple Health Eligibility COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions page at [Apple Health COVID-19 FAQs](#)

# Temporary Changes

HCA encourages you to stay informed as policies change rapidly.

Visit the HCA Stakeholder and Education web page and select [COVID-19 eligibility and enrollment](#) to stay informed.

Subscribe to the [HCA GovDelivery](#) to receive important updates on Apple Health eligibility or visit the [DSHS website](#) for more resources.

# Terminations

Coverage is reinstated for any Apple Health recipient when coverage was closed on or after March 18, 2020 unless the individual has:

- Requested closure;
- Is no longer a Washington State resident; or
- Is deceased.

Most individuals should disregard medical termination notices dated on or after March 18, 2020 until further notice.

# Self-Attestation

Individuals can self-attest to their income and resources when applying, renewing, or reporting a change of circumstances for their Apple Health coverage.

- Most applications can be approved based on attestation of income and resources and available electronic cross match verifications.
- Renewals can be processed based on attestation of income and resources and available electronic and cross match verifications.

# **Change of Circumstances & Income Reporting**

# Change of Circumstances

During the COVID-19 emergency period, individuals should continue to report the following:

- Pregnancy due date
- Change of address
- Household size
- Change of income for individuals receiving LTSS
- Change of resources
- Deductions to cost of care if receiving LTSS

Eligibility staff will not terminate or act on changes that may cause ineligibility, however changes can affect participation.

# Disregarded Income

HCA does not count as income when determining apple health eligibility any Federal Pandemic Unemployment or Recovery Rebates under the CARES Act or other needs-based assistance authorized as a result of the COVID-19 emergency.

This includes:

- UCB issued as a result Lost Wage Assistance (LWA)
- Payments from the Pandemic Relief Payment Program
- Payments from the Federal Pandemic Unemployment
- Recovery Rebates also known as stimulus checks

# Income Reporting

## CARES Act – Income and Medical Eligibility

Federal Benefits		
Relief	Benefit	Is this income countable for Medicaid?
<b>Stimulus Checks</b> All tax payers earning under \$75,000 single/\$150,000 joint payer per year	\$1,200 Individual \$2,400 joint filers \$500 for each child (under 17)	No. This income is not countable.
<b>Federal Pandemic Unemployment Insurance</b>  Additional unemployment benefits	\$600/week in increased benefits until July 31.	No. This income is not countable.
<b>Expanded and extended unemployment benefits</b>	Includes people who have exhausted their state unemployment.  Adds news workers and other covered groups (like – gig economy, self-employed etc.)	Yes. This income is countable.

# Medicare Savings Program (MSP) and Spenddown

# Medicare Savings Program

A client that is eligible for Medicare Savings Program is considered to have minimum essential coverage under the interim rule filed in 11/2020 and this meets the requirement of coverage. Some clients who are no longer eligible for CN or ABP scope of care but are eligible for a Medicare Savings Program may have a redetermination prior to the end of the public health emergency.

This could result in a change to the MSP program for which they remain eligible.

# Spenddown

During the emergency period, individuals can self-attest to a change in income, resources, and incurred medical expenses for Spenddown purposes.

DSHS is the agency responsible for processing and updating the Spenddown case.

# **Workers with Disabilities (HWD) Premium**

# Apple Health for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) Premium

Premium obligations for HWD coverage are waived, which includes any premium being billed for a prior month. Outstanding premiums that are due for a benefit month prior to the end of the emergency will be waived.

If an HWD recipient loses their job or is temporarily furloughed due to the COVID-19 emergency, and it's time for their eligibility review, the employment requirement is waived until the emergency period is lifted. However, new applicants for the HWD program must be employed.

# How to Apply for Apple Health

# Classic Medical Programs

Staff at DSHS determine eligibility for Apple Health programs for individuals age 65 and over, who have blindness, a disability or need long term care (LTC) services.

Applications for these programs can be submitted:

- Online: [washingtonconnection.org/home/](http://washingtonconnection.org/home/)
- Mail: PO Box 11699, Tacoma WA 98411-6699
- Fax: (888) 338-7410
- Phone: DSHS at 1-877-501-2233

Eligibility criteria varies for each program and is based on household size, income, and resources.

# Apple Health Application

Individuals applying for Apple Health (MAGI) coverage can submit their applications via:

- Online: [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org)
- Phone: 1-855-923-4633
- Mobile application: [WAPlanfinder](#)
- Paper: [Application for Health Care Coverage \(18-001P\)](#)

Eligibility criteria vary for each program and is based on household size and income (not resources).

# Options for Uninsured Individuals

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has established a provider reimbursement program for COVID-19 testing and treatment of uninsured individuals.

The federal Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has created a web portal to administer this program.

Individuals who do not qualify for Apple Health, QHP or other healthcare coverage may be eligible and should work with their provider.

Visit [the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal](#) for more information.

# Resources

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- **HCA COVID-19 Updates**  
[hca.wa.gov/information-about-novel-coronavirus-covid-19](https://hca.wa.gov/information-about-novel-coronavirus-covid-19)
- **HCA Stakeholder Training and Education**  
[hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/stakeholder-training-and-education](https://hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/stakeholder-training-and-education)
- **HCA Area Representatives**  
[hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/area\\_representatives.pdf](https://hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/area_representatives.pdf)
- **DSHS/DDA Resources**  
<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda>
- **DSHS/AL TSA Resources**  
[dshs.wa.gov/AL TSA/resources](https://dshs.wa.gov/AL TSA/resources)

# Resources

- **LTSS Assessment**  
[hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/applications-ltss](https://hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/applications-ltss)
- **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)**  
[hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/medicare-savings-program](https://hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/medicare-savings-program)
- **Apple Health for the Medically Needy and Spenddown overview**  
[hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/apple-health-medically-needy-and-spenddown](https://hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/apple-health-medically-needy-and-spenddown)
- **HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal**  
[coviduninsuredclsaim.linkhealth.com/](https://coviduninsuredclsaim.linkhealth.com/)
- **Cross-agency Desk Aid**  
[hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/customer\\_support\\_center\\_referrals.pdf](https://hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/customer_support_center_referrals.pdf)