

## Apple Health Expansion February 2024 webinar

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### Frequently Asked Questions

View the [Apple Health Expansion eligibility fact sheet](#) for an overview of the program. The following FAQ covers questions that were not answered live during the February 2, 2024 webinar for community-based organizations to learn about qualified health plan (QHP) transitions, applying through Washington Healthplanfinder, and, application and enrollment.

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#### Is Apple Health Expansion a permanent program?

Apple Health Expansion appears in the state's operating budget. The State legislature must decide to codify the program to make it permanent.

#### When should individuals apply for Apple Health Expansion?

Individuals can apply for Apple Health Expansion starting in late Spring 2024. The exact date will be shared on the Apple Health webpage. [Sign up for email updates](#) to be notified when the application is available.

#### How many people will be enrolled in Apple Health Expansion?

Apple Health Expansion has a limited budget. HCA will need to maintain that budget by controlling the number of individuals who can enroll into the program. This number has not been determined. We encourage individuals interested in applying to [sign up for email updates](#).

#### How will Apple Health Expansion applications be processed in Washington Healthplanfinder?

**Clients not enrolled in Immigrant Health Coverage (IHC) or Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) coverage**

Individuals with an existing Washington Healthplanfinder account will need to update their information before applying for Apple Health Expansion. Individuals that don't have a Washington Healthplanfinder account may create one at [wahealthplanfinder.org](http://wahealthplanfinder.org). Once HCA determines enrollment availability based on the limited budget, individuals will be enrolled into Apple Health Expansion on a first come first serve basis.

**Clients enrolled in a IHC QHP or AEM program (automatic transition to Apple Health Expansion)**

Individuals currently enrolled in a IHC QHP or the AEM program and who are eligible will be transitioned into Apple Health Expansion on July 1, 2024. Once HCA determines enrollment availability based on the limited budget, individuals will be enrolled into Apple Health Expansion on a first come first serve basis.

#### What outreach materials will be developed to support communities who prefer spoken language?

HCA plans to create a video sharing about Apple Health Expansion. This video script will be shared broadly with community stakeholders to create their own translated versions. This will expand community engagement for those who prefer spoken language over written materials.

## **Will clients enrolled in an IHC QHP lose their subsidies when Apple Health Expansion launches?**

Individuals enrolled in an IHC QHP with income below 138% of the federal poverty limit will lose their federal subsidies if they choose to stay on their QHP. This is because clients are not eligible for federal subsidies when they enroll in an Apple Health program.

## **What services are covered with Apple Health Expansion?**

Apple Health Expansion will cover physical and behavioral health services, dental, non-emergency medical transportation, and interpreter services. Long-term services and supports are not covered under Apple Health Expansion.

Will Apple Expansion cover:

- **Treatment and services for HIV?**  
Yes, treatment and services for HIV will be covered with Apple Health Expansion.
- **Transhealth services?**  
Yes, transhealth services will be covered with Apple Health Expansion.
- **Organ transplants?**  
Apple Health Expansion will cover tissue and organ transplants for heart, kidney, liver, bone marrow, lung, heart-lung, pancreas, kidney-pancreas, cornea, small bowel, and peripheral blood stem cells.

## **How will clients enrolled in IHC QHPs transitioning to Apple Health Expansion coverage be notified?**

Clients transitioning from an IHC QHP will receive a letter notifying them of their option to opt-out of transitioning to Apple Health Expansion. This will give clients the opportunity to make sure their providers accept Apple Health before the transition.

## **Does it cost clients to enroll or use Apple Health Expansion coverage?**

Apple Health Expansion coverage is free. Clients will not have any out-of-pocket costs or copays when accessing services covered by Apple Health Expansion.

## **Will American Indian or Alaska Native individuals be eligible for Apple Health Expansion?**

In most cases, American Indian or Alaska Native individuals would not be eligible for Apple Health Expansion because they would qualify for other Apple Health programs if they meet eligibility requirements. This includes those covered under the Jay Treaty.

## **Will an identification card (ID) be required to apply for Apple Health Expansion?**

Clients are not required to provide an ID to apply. Providing an ID makes it easier for clients to verify their identity in the application systems.

## **Does Apple Health Expansion include refugees that are lawfully present?**

Refugees are exempt from the 5-year-bar and may qualify for other Apple Health programs. This makes them ineligible for Apple Health Expansion.