


Washington Apple Health (Medicaid)

HIV/AIDS Case Management Billing Guide

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Washington Apple Health means the public health insurance programs for eligible Washington residents. Washington Apple Health is the name used in Washington State for Medicaid, the children's health insurance program (CHIP), and state-only funded health care programs. Washington Apple Health is administered by the Washington State Health Care Authority.

What has changed?

Subject	Change	Reason for Change
Billing and Claim Forms	Effective October 1, 2016, all claims must be filed electronically. See blue box notification.	Policy change to improve efficiency in processing claims.

How can I get agency provider documents?

To access provider alerts, go to the agency's [provider alerts](#) web page.

To access provider documents, go to the agency's [provider billing guides and fee schedules](#) web page.

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Resources Available

Topic	Resource
Becoming a provider	Department of Health HIV Client Services PO Box 47841 Olympia WA 98501-7841 360-236-3457
Questions about provider participation, case management standards, and reporting requirements	
Submitting a change of address or ownership	See the agency's Billers and Providers web site.
Finding out about payments, denials, claims processing, or Health Care Authority managed care organizations	
Electronic or paper billing	
Finding Health Care Authority documents (e.g., billing instructions, provider notices, fee schedules)	
Private insurance or third-party liability	
Medicaid Assistance Customer Service Center	800-562-3022

Important Changes to Apple Health Effective April 1, 2016

**These changes are important to all providers
because they may affect who will pay for services.**

Providers serving any Apple Health client should always check eligibility and confirm plan enrollment by asking to see the client's Services Card and/or using the ProviderOne Managed Care Benefit Information Inquiry functionality (HIPAA transaction 270). The response (HIPAA transaction 271) will provide the current managed care organization (MCO), fee-for-service, and Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) information. See the Southwest Washington Provider Fact Sheet on the agency's [Early Adopter Region Resources](#) web page.

New MCO enrollment policy – earlier enrollment

Beginning April 1, 2016, Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) implemented a new managed care enrollment policy placing clients into an agency-contracted MCO **the same month** they are determined eligible for managed care as a new or renewing client. This policy eliminates a person being placed temporarily in fee-for-service while they are waiting to be enrolled in an MCO or reconnected with a prior MCO.

- **New clients** are those initially applying for benefits or those with changes in their existing eligibility program that consequently make them eligible for Apple Health Managed Care.
- **Renewing clients** are those who have been enrolled with an MCO but have had a break in enrollment and have subsequently renewed their eligibility.

Clients currently in fee-for-service or currently enrolled in an MCO are not affected by this change. Clients in fee-for-service who have a change in the program they are eligible for may be enrolled into Apple Health Managed Care depending on the program. In those cases, this enrollment policy will apply.

How does this policy affect providers?

- Providers must check eligibility and know when a client is enrolled and with which MCO. For help with enrolling, clients can refer to the Washington Healthplanfinder's [Get Help Enrolling](#) page.
- MCOs have retroactive authorization and notification policies in place. The provider must know the MCO's requirements and be compliant with the MCO's new policies.

Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) manages the contracts for behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder (SUD)) services for nine of the Regional Service Areas (RSA) in the state, excluding Clark and Skamania counties in the Southwest Washington (SW WA) Region. BHOs will replace the Regional Support Networks (RSNs). Inpatient mental health services continue to be provided as described in the inpatient section of the [Mental Health Billing Guide](#). BHOs use the [Access to Care Standards \(ACS\)](#) for mental health conditions and [American Society of Addiction Medicine \(ASAM\)](#) criteria for SUD conditions to determine client's appropriateness for this level of care.

Fully Integrated Managed Care (FIMC)

Clark and Skamania Counties, also known as SW WA region, is the first region in Washington State to implement the FIMC system. This means that physical health services, all levels of mental health services, and drug and alcohol treatment are coordinated through one managed care plan. Neither the RSN nor the BHO will provide behavioral health services in these counties.

In Clark and Skamania Counties, clients must choose to enroll in either Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) or Molina Healthcare of Washington (MHW). If they do not choose, they are auto-enrolled into one of the two plans. Each plan is responsible for providing integrated services that include inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services, including all SUD services, inpatient mental health and all levels of outpatient mental health services, as well as providing its own provider credentialing, prior authorization requirements and billing requirements.

Beacon Health Options provides mental health crisis services to the entire population in Southwest Washington. This includes inpatient mental health services that fall under the Involuntary Treatment Act for individuals who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid, and short-term substance use disorder (SUD) crisis services in the SW WA region. Within their available funding, Beacon has the discretion to provide outpatient or voluntary inpatient mental health services for individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid. Beacon Health Options is also

responsible for managing voluntary psychiatric inpatient hospital admissions for non-Medicaid clients.

In the SW WA region some clients are not enrolled in CHPW or Molina for FIMC, but will remain in Apple Health fee-for-service managed by the agency. These clients include:

- Dual eligible – Medicare/Medicaid
- American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)
- Medically needy
- Clients who have met their spenddown
- Noncitizen pregnant women
- Individuals in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD)
- Long-term care residents who are currently in fee-for-service
- Clients who have coverage with another carrier

Since there is no BHO (RSN) in these counties, Medicaid fee-for-service clients receive complex behavioral health services through the Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) program managed by MHW and CHPW in SW WA region. These clients choose from CHPW or MHW for behavioral health services offered with the BHSO or will be auto-enrolled into one of the two plans. A [BHSO fact sheet](#) is available online.

Apple Health Core Connections (AHCC)

Coordinated Care of Washington (CCW) will provide all physical health care (medical) benefits, lower-intensity outpatient mental health benefits and care coordination for all Washington State foster care enrollees. These clients include:

- Children and youth under the age of 21 who are in foster care
- Children and youth under the age of 21 who are receiving adoption support
- Young adults age 18 to 26 years old who age out of foster care on or after their 18th birthday

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children will **not** be auto-enrolled, but may opt into CCW. All other eligible clients will be auto-enrolled.

AHCC complex mental health and substance use disorder services

AHCC clients who **live in** Skamania or Clark County receive complex behavioral health benefits through the Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) program in the SW WA region. These clients will choose between CHPW or MHW for behavioral health services, or they will be auto-enrolled into one of the two plans. CHPW and MHW will use the BHO Access to Care Standards to support determining appropriate level of care, and whether the services should be provided by the BHSO program or CCW.

AHCC clients who **live outside** Skamania or Clark County will receive complex mental health and substance use disorder services from the BHO and managed by DSHS.


Contact Information for Southwest Washington

Beginning on April 1, 2016, there will not be an RSN/BHO in Clark and Skamania counties. Providers and clients must call the agency-contracted MCO for questions, or call Beacon Health Options for questions related to an individual who is not eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid.

If a provider does not know which MCO a client is enrolled in, this information can be located by looking up the patient assignment in ProviderOne.

To contact Molina, Community Health Plan of Washington, or Beacon Health Options, please call:

	Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc. 1-800-869-7165
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	Community Health Plan of Washington 1-866-418-1009
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Beacon Health Options	Beacon Health Options 1-855-228-6502
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Program Overview

Purpose

The intended outcomes of Title XIX HIV/AIDS Targeted Medical Case Management are to assist persons living with HIV/AIDS to:

- Gain and maintain access to primary medical care and treatment.
- Gain and maintain access to antiretroviral medications.
- Maintain adherence to treatment and medications.
- Live as independently as possible.

The agency has an agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) to administer the HIV/AIDS Case Management program for eligible clients ([WAC 182-539-0300](#)). HIV Client Services oversees the daily operation of the Title XIX HIV/AIDS Case Management Program. HIV Client Services is located in the office of Disease Control and Health Statistics at the Department of Health.

How can I apply to provide HIV/AIDS case management services?

([WAC 182-539-0300](#))

Only agencies approved by DOH's HIV Client Services can provide HIV/AIDS case management services. To request approval from DOH, complete the Title XIX provider application process and submit the required documents to DOH. See [Statewide Standards for Medical HIV Case Management](#) for specifics on provider requirements, or call HIV Client Services at 360-236-3457.

Client Eligibility

Who is eligible for HIV/AIDS case management?

([WAC 182-539-0300](#))

To be eligible for HIV/AIDS case management services, a client must:

- Have a current medical diagnosis of HIV or AIDS.
- Not be receiving concurrent HIV/AIDS case management services through another program.
- Require assistance obtaining and effectively using necessary medical, social, and educational services; or need 90 days of continued monitoring.
- Have a benefit service package that covers HIV/AIDS case management.

Are managed-care clients eligible?

Yes, if the client meets the above criteria. When verifying eligibility using ProviderOne, if the client is enrolled in an HCA managed care organization (MCO), managed care enrollment will be displayed on the Client Benefit Inquiry screen. HIV/AIDS Case Management services do not require a referral from the client's MCO. Use these billing instructions to bill the agency directly.

How can I verify a patient's eligibility?

Providers must verify that a patient has Washington Apple Health coverage for the date of service, and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service the agency will not pay for.

Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

Step 1. Verify the patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health. For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in the agency's current [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

If the patient is eligible for Washington Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.

Step 2. Verify service coverage under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package. To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package, see the agency's [Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Services Categories](#) web page.

Note: Patients who are not Washington Apple Health clients may submit an application for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

1. By visiting the Washington Healthplanfinder's website at:
www.wahealthplanfinder.org
2. By calling the Customer Support Center toll-free at: 855-WAFINDER (855-923-4633) or 855-627-9604 (TTY)
3. By mailing the application to:
Washington Healthplanfinder
PO Box 946
Olympia, WA 98507

In-person application assistance is also available. To get information about in-person application assistance available in their area, people may visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call the Customer Support Center.

Billable Services

The agency pays HIV/AIDS case management providers for the following services.

Comprehensive assessment

The agency pays for only one comprehensive assessment per client unless:

- There is a 50% change in need from the initial assessment; or
- The client transfers to a new case management provider.

The assessment must cover the areas outlined in the [Statewide Standards for HIV Medical Case Management](#) (see also [WAC 182-539-0300](#)).

HIV/AIDS case management – full month

The agency pays for one full-month case management fee per client, per month.

Providers may request the full-month payment for any month in which the criteria listed in the [Statewide Standards for HIV Medical Case Management](#) have been met and the case manager has an individual service plan (ISP) in place for 20 or more days in that month. (See also [WAC 182-539-0300](#)). Monitoring can be billed under case management – full month.

HIV/AIDS case management – partial month

Providers may request the partial-month payment for any month in which the criteria in [WAC 182-539-0300](#) have been met and an ISP has been in place for fewer than 20 days in that month.

Partial month payment allows for payment of two case management providers when a client changes from one provider to another during the month.

Monitoring

Monitoring is a service reserved for stable clients who no longer need an ISP with active elements, but who have a history of recurring need and will likely require active case management in the future.

Case management providers may bill the agency for up to 90 days of monitoring after the last active service element of the ISP has been completed if the following criteria have been met:

- The provider documented the client's history of recurring need.
- The provider assessed the client for possible future instability.
- The provider contacted the client monthly to monitor the client's condition.

Moving from monitoring to active case management

A client who meets the requirements in [WAC 182-539-0300](#) can shift from monitoring to active case management if there is a documented need to resume active case management.

Coverage Table

When billing HIV/AIDS case management services or monitoring, use the following procedure codes with the appropriate modifier. The agency pays full-month fees during monitoring. Modifiers U8 and U9 are payer-defined modifiers. U8 means “full month” and U9 means “partial month.”

Note: Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association, the agency publishes only the official, short CPT® code descriptions. To view the full descriptions, please refer to a current CPT book.

Procedure Code	Modifier	Diagnosis Code	Short Description	Comments
T2022	U8	Limited to diagnosis B20 or Z21	Case management, per month	Full Month. A full-month rate applies when: A. The criteria in WAC 182-539-0300 have been met; and B. An individual service plan (ISP) has been in place 20 days or more in that month. Taxonomy: 251B0000X
T2022	U9	Limited to diagnosis B20 or Z21	Case management, per month	Partial Month. A partial-month rate applies when: A. The criteria in WAC 182-539-0300 have been met. B. An individual service plan (ISP) has been in place fewer than 20 days in that month. Taxonomy: 251B0000X
T1023		Limited to diagnosis B20 or Z21	Program intake assessment	Full Month. A full-month rate applies when: A. The criteria in 182-539-0300 have been met. B. An individual service plan (ISP) has been in place 20 days or more in that month. Taxonomy: 251B0000X

Billing and Claim Forms

Effective for claims billed on and after October 1, 2016

All claims must be submitted electronically to the agency, except under limited circumstances.

For more information about this policy change, see [Paperless Billing at HCA](#).

This billing guide still contains information about billing paper claims.

This information will be updated effective January 1, 2017.

Providers must follow the billing requirements listed in the Health Care Authority's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#). The guide explains how to complete the CMS-1500 Claim Form.

HIV/AIDS case management services require additional documentation. See [Case Management: Statewide Standards for HIV Medical Case Management](#) for details.

See the [fee schedule](#) for HCA's current maximum allowable fees.