

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

June 3, 2021

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0022 Eligibility Updates

Effective Date: April 1, 2021

Description: The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0022 to make the following eligibility-related changes to the Medicaid State Plan:

- 1. HCA submitted SPA 18-0001 on July 11, 2018, to implement a pilot program designed to monitor requests for multiple reasonable opportunity periods (ROP), which are 120 days of Washington Apple Health Medicaid coverage. An ROP is designed to give non-citizens time to provide documentation that verifies their immigration status to which they have attested at the time of application. The pilot was effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. SPA 21-0022 will remove the pilot information from the Medicaid State Plan.
- 2. Per recent CMS guidance, HCA will add two immigration statuses that for individuals who are not considered to be lawfully present in the United States:
 - Individuals granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241.
 - Individuals granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c)(35) and (c)(36), i, unless they have another qualifying status as described in this regulation.

HCA anticipates SPA 21-0022 will have no effect on payments/reimbursement/expenditures

SPA 21-0022 is under development. To request a copy of the SPA when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

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