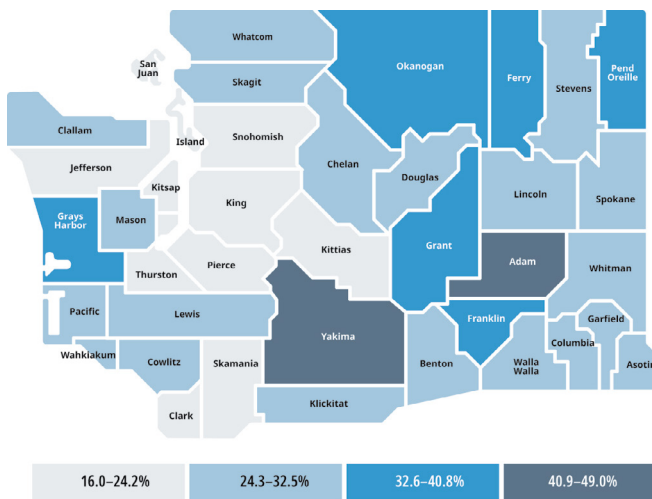




What you need to know about Washington Apple Health

In Washington State, Medicaid is called Apple Health, an umbrella term or “brand name” used to refer to many free or low-cost health care programs. Apple Health (Medicaid) provides access to medical, dental, and vision care, as well as behavioral health services to people who qualify. The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) oversees Apple Health policies, program development, and eligibility.

Population enrolled by county (2023)



Apple Health enrollment

HCA administers Apple Health as the single state agency. Apple Health includes both Classic Medicaid coverage for individuals age 65 and older or who have blindness or a disability and Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) coverage for individual adults, parents/caretakers, children, and pregnant individuals.



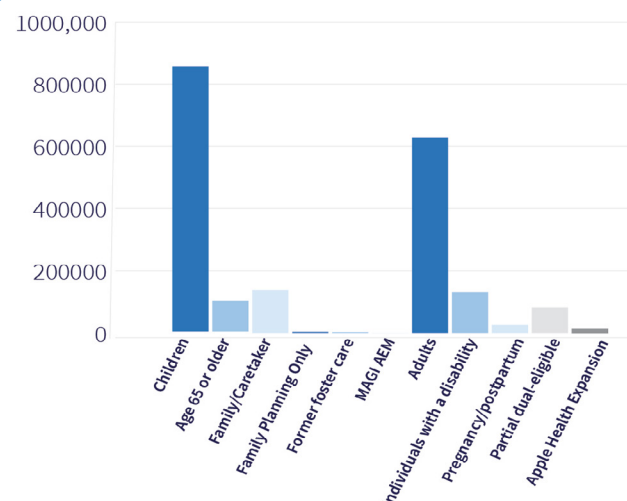
Washington Health Benefit Exchange manages online enrollment into MAGI coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder.



Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) manages online application services for Classic Medicaid through Washington Connection.

Population enrolled by program (August 2024)

Children: 852,176	Adults: 628,832
Age 65 or older: 98,057	Individuals with a disability: 131,337
Family/Caretaker: 137,241	Pregnancy/postpartum: 25,750
Family Planning Only: 3,410	Partial dual-eligible: 81,357
Former foster care: 2,541	Apple Health Expansion: 12,161
MAGI Emergency Medical Services (AEM): 158	



How clients apply for coverage

Clients can apply online, in-person, or by mail. Visit hca.wa.gov/apply-or-renew-coverage to learn more about application options.

Apple Health programs

Many programs exist under the Apple Health brand, including Apple Health Expansion, After-Pregnancy Coverage, Family Planning Only, Medicare Savings Programs, and many more.

Eligibility

Apple Health eligibility requirements vary by program. Eligibility is determined using a client's household income and composition, age, residency, and citizenship status.

If someone is not eligible for Apple Health, they may qualify for other low-cost health coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder.

Covered services

Apple Health covered services vary by program. Most clients have access to physical, dental, and behavioral health care, including:

- Office visits with a doctor or other health care professionals
- Emergency medical care
- Maternity and newborn care
- Treatment for chemical or alcohol dependence
- Pediatric services, including well-child visits.
- Immunizations, dental, and vision care
- Limited dental and vision care for adults
- Hospitalization
- Prescription medications
- Laboratory services
- Transportation to and from medical appointments covered by Apple Health

What is managed care?

Most Apple Health clients are enrolled in managed care. This means that a managed care plan serves as clients single point of contact to get services and helps coordinate care. Individuals enrolled in managed care must see providers who are in their plan's network.

Available health plans:

- Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
- Coordinated Care (CC)
- Molina Healthcare of Washington (MHW)
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan (UHC)
- Wellpoint Washington (previously Amerigroup) (WLP)

Who pays for covered services

Services for clients enrolled in managed care are covered by a client's managed care plan. Some clients are enrolled in Apple Health without a managed care plan and have services covered directly by Apple Health. Certain services, even for managed care clients, are paid for directly by Apple Health. This is known as fee-for-service (FFS). Services covered exclusively by FFS include:



Dental care



Eyeglasses and fitting services for children (under age 21)



Long-term services and support



Services for individuals with developmental disabilities



Maternity support services, prenatal genetic counseling, and pregnancy termination



Inpatient psychiatric care

Program funding

Apple Health programs and services are state and federally funded, depending on the program. Federal funds pay roughly 50% of most traditional Medicaid programs, while Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act is federally funded at 90%. For most Apple Health programs, clients have no out of pocket costs.



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