Apple Health and Individuals from Ukraine

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Background
On April 21, 2022, President Biden announced Uniting for Ukraine, a new streamlined process to provide Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war in Ukraine, opportunities to come to the United States.

The Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) passed on May 21, 2022.

- Ukrainians, and non-Ukrainian individuals, who last habitually resided in Ukraine may now be eligible for Washington Apple Health.
Apple Health Eligibility for Individual from Ukraine
Eligibility

- Individuals will have one of the following statuses:
  - Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
  - Parole: Granted before February 24, 2022, for less than one year
  - Humanitarian Parole: Granted on or after February 24, 2022, through September 30, 2023, for less than one year or up to 2 years.

- Individuals are not automatically granted a social security number but may be issued one after applying for an employment authorization card.

  For more information visit Washington Apple Health – Social Security number requirements.*

*hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-and-supports/program-administration/wac-182-503-0515-washington-apple-health
Eligibility

- Individuals who were paroled and entered the United States prior to February 24, 2022, may be eligible for Apple Health if they are a child, pregnant, or have a qualifying emergency medical condition under AEM.

- Individuals granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be eligible for Apple Health if they are a child, pregnant, or have a qualifying emergency medical condition under AEM.

- Individuals who are paroled and entered the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, may be eligible for Apple Health for children, pregnant, and adults.
## Eligibility

Apple Health program eligibility based on immigration status

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Selecting No to the citizenship question will allow you to select the applicable person(s) and answer:

- Lawfully present
- Date of entry
- Immigration documents (yes/no)
- If yes, document type
Selecting Document Type: Other

- If only an ‘A’ number is available, select document type Other. Then enter the ‘A’ number and description of the document.

- If an ‘A’ Number has 8 digits, add a zero to the beginning to make it a 9-digit number.

- Entering passport information is not required. However, if the only document available is a passport, the information should be entered.
Foreign Passport with Stamp

- The date of entry is located on the stamp.
- The passport number is on the upper right corner. This can be all numbers or alpha numeric.
I-94 Arrival/Departure Record

- The I-94 record number is 11 characters either all numbers or alpha numeric.
- Stamp with date of entry will be on the card.
Refugee Medical Assistance
People from Ukraine and immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan, who were granted Special Immigrant status under Section 101(a)(27) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), are eligible for Medicaid and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA); the same as refugees.

The Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) is a program for individuals who are not eligible for Apple Health programs but who meet the income and resource standard of the RMA program.

RMA ends on the last day of the eighth month from the month an individual enters the U.S. For example, if they entered the U.S. on May 28, 2022, you are eligible through the end of December 2022.
Eligibility for RMA

Individuals may be eligible for RMA when they:

- Meet immigration status requirements listed in the Health Care Authority Apple Health for Refugees webpage*.
- Have countable resources below $1000 on the date of application.
- Have a countable income equal to or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) on the date of application.
- Received refugee cash assistance (RCA).

* [hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/apple-health-refugees](http://hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/apple-health-refugees)
Eligibility for RMA

- When an individual’s spouse arrives in the U.S., they may be eligible for Medicaid and other programs depending on countable income.
  - If they are not eligible due to income requirements, the spouse is still eligible for RMA for eight months following the spouse's entry into the U.S.

- An individual is not eligible for RMA if they are:
  - Already eligible for Medicaid or a children's health care program as described in WAC 182-505-0210.
  - A full-time student in an institution of higher education, unless the educational activity is part of a DSHS-approved individual responsibility plan (IRP).
  - A nonrefugee spouse of a refugee.
AREP Overview

An Authorized Representative (AREP) is a person or organization that is authorized by an applicant or recipient to act on their behalf for Apple Health eligibility purposes. The AREP must be:

- An adult and
- Someone outside the medical assistance unit (MAU)

An AREP may:

- Sign an application on the applicant’s behalf
- Complete and submit a renewal form
- Receive copies of the notices and communications from the agency
- Act on behalf of the applicant in all eligibility matters with the agency
An AREP can share any information relevant to eligibility; however, the agency can only share information with the AREP that is necessary for the purposes of determining financial eligibility.

- Examples of information the agency cannot share are:
  - Social Security Numbers (SSN)
  - Birthdates
  - Home or mailing addresses
  - Places of employment that are outside of a request for specific employment verification
  - Estimated Due Dates (EDD)
Termination of AREP Authorization

- The AREP designation may be terminated at any time by either the applicant or AREP, verbally or in writing.

- When the applicant or beneficiary is deceased the AREP designation terminates, except when the AREP is:
  - The executor or administrator of the deceased’s estate
  - Legally authorized by the courts or by state law to act on behalf of the deceased or their estate

- Legal guardianship and POA assigned while the client is living ends after the client is deceased.
An AREP can be designated by an individual on the Application for Health Care Coverage.

Source: hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/forms-and-publications?combine=18-001P&field_free_topic_tid=All&field_free_document_type_value_1=All&sort=filename+ASC
Another option is the Authorized Representative form, 14-532.

Source: dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/FSA/forms/pdf/14-532.pdf
After-Pregnancy Coverage
Active on Apple Health

- Individuals who are on an Apple Health program and pregnant must report their pregnancy and provide an estimated due date.
  - The transition into After-Pregnancy Coverage (APC) will be automatic as long as there is an estimated due date.
  - APC will begin the first day of the following month the pregnancy ends.
  - Coverage is for 12 months regardless of a change in income or household size.
Individuals not on Apple Health may apply and must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have had a pregnancy within 12 months
- Reside in Washington State
- Have countable income equal to or below 193% of the federal poverty level, and
- Not be active in another Apple Health program.

Immigration status does not apply.

Coverage begins the month the individual applies and is found eligible.
Resources
Apply or Report a Change

Online: Go to Washington Healthplanfinder - select the "Apply Now" button.

Mobile app: Download the WAPlanfinder app – select “sign in” or “create an account”.

Phone: Call the Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center at 1-855-923-4633.

Paper: Submit an Application for health care coverage (18-001P).

In-person: At no additional cost, a local Health Benefit Exchange Navigator can help you apply for health coverage.

Source: hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/apply-or-renew-coverage
Apply for Classic Medicaid (Apple Health)

- Individuals age 65 or older, have blindness or a disability, or need Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS), apply for Classic Apple Health coverage:

  - **Online**: Go to [Washington Connection](#) - select the "Apply Now" button.
  - **Paper**: Submit an [Application for Aged Blind Disabled or Long-Term Services and Support (HCA 18-005)](#).
  - **Phone**: Request an application by calling 1-877-501-2233.
  - **In-person**: local community services office.

- Interpreter services are available.
HCA Resources

- Apple Health Eligibility for Individuals from Ukraine
  hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/apple-health-for-individuals-from-ukraine.pdf

- HCA Information on COVID-19:
  hca.wa.gov/coronavirus

- HCA Stakeholder Training & Education Resources:
  hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training

- Cross-agency Desk Aid:
  hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/customer_support_center_referrals.pdf
HCA Resources

- HCA Community-Based Specialists
  hca.wa.gov/hcacomunitystaff

- Pregnant Individuals Eligibility webpage
  hca.wa.gov/apple-health-pregnant-individuals

- After-Pregnancy Coverage webpage
  hca.wa.gov/apc