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Dear Ms. Reyes and Ms. Wilson:

SUBJECT: Resuming operations after the public health emergency (PHE) - Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the Health Care Authority (HCA) took steps to ensure that clients maintained their Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage as required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. In December 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, which separates the continuous eligibility requirement from the PHE.

This Act was followed by an announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services indicating that the PHE will end May 11, 2023.

This guidance is intended to inform the timing and ongoing flexibilities for MAGI Apple Health policy and operations for the twelve-month unwind which started in April 2023 and ends with April 2024 renewals.

Automatic reinstatement of coverage

During the PHE, coverage was automatically renewed in three-month increments for those clients who failed to complete a renewal. Renewals will no longer be extended after April 2023.

Clients who were found to be ineligible during the PHE were reinstated and coverage continued unless they died, moved out of state, or requested closure. As of April 1, 2023, termination of coverage for all reasons resumed.

Post-eligibility reviews (PER)

The PER process resumed as of April 2023. When applying or renewing for Apple Health coverage, a client whose attested income is non-compatible with data sources will be pulled for post-eligibility verification. Clients will be asked to provide verification of their current circumstances if eligibility workers are unable to verify income using available data sources to maintain ongoing eligibility. Any changes to a client's Apple Health eligibility will occur no

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sooner than 04/30/2023.

Apple Health for Kids with Premiums

Premium collection for Apple Health for Kids with Premiums (Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIP) will resume as of July 2023.

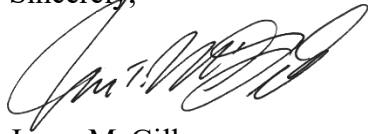
Clients can report changes in circumstances which could result in a change in more affordable coverage or may choose to close their coverage. If they have a change in coverage or are unable to pay their premium, clients can contact HCA Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS) to request a premium write off. All requests are reviewed and submitted to the Office of Financial Recovery (OFR).

Should you have any questions, contact: AHeligCovid19@hca.wa.gov.

Resources

[Public health emergency and Apple Health](#)
[Redetermination overview](#)
[General verification](#)
[Apple Health for Kids, with and without premiums](#)

Sincerely,



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