# 10.0 Washington Healthplanfinder System Update

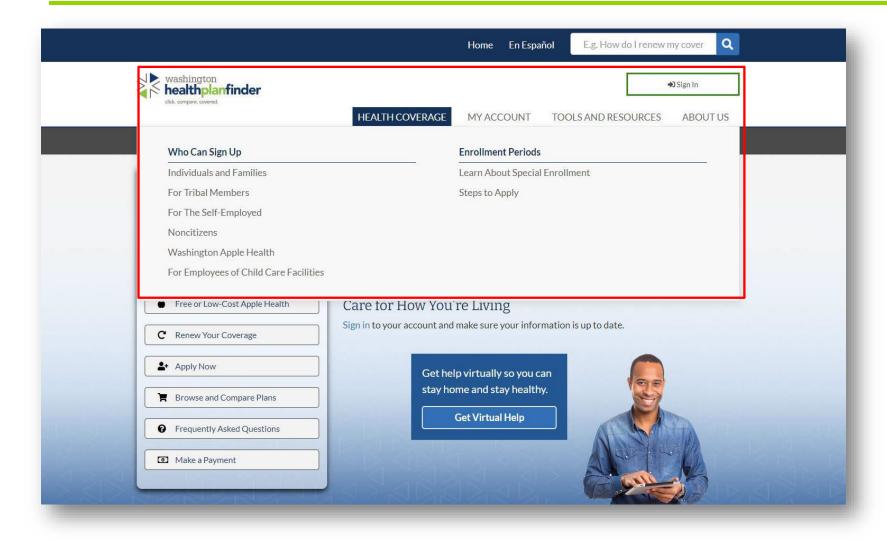
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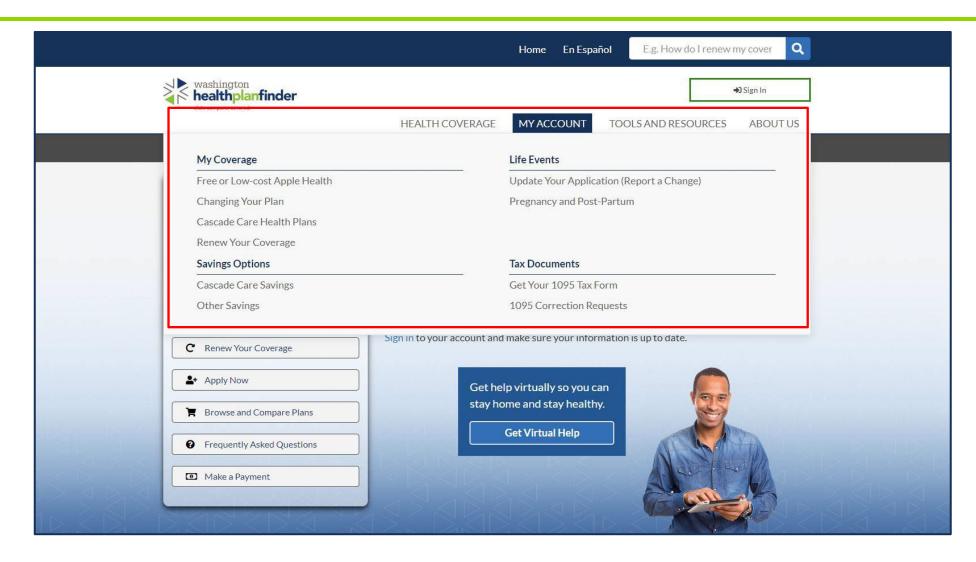
# System Release

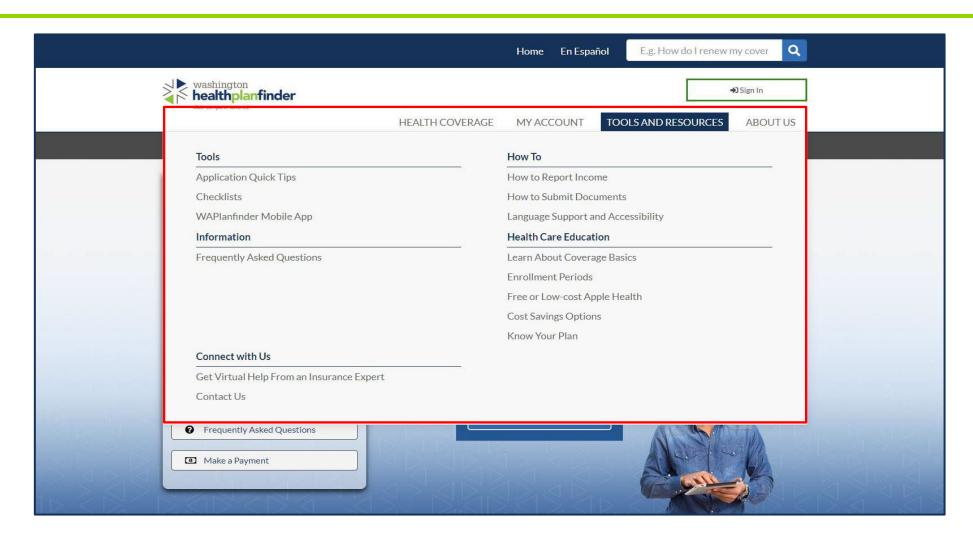


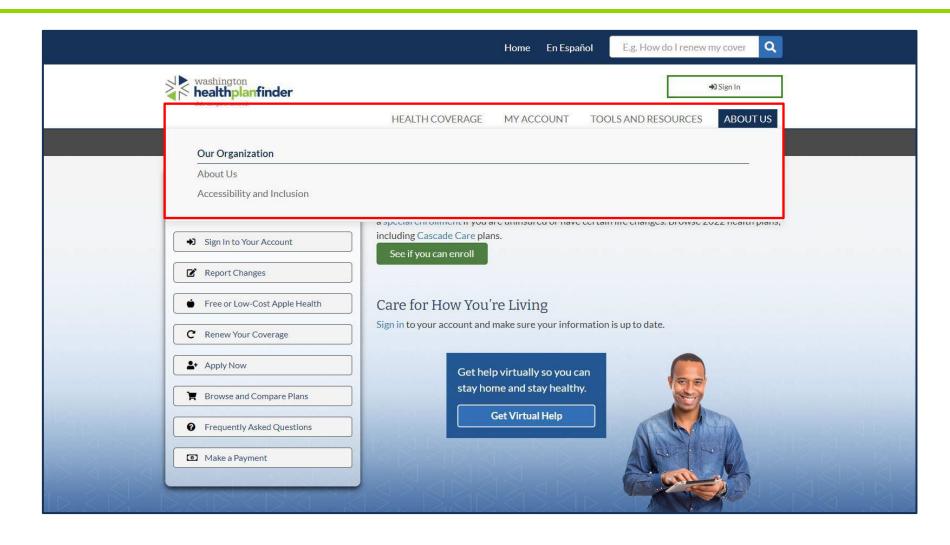
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- The navigation bar on the Washington Healthplanfinder website will make the transition to the new dropdown navigation.
- No content is being changed just being rearranged.

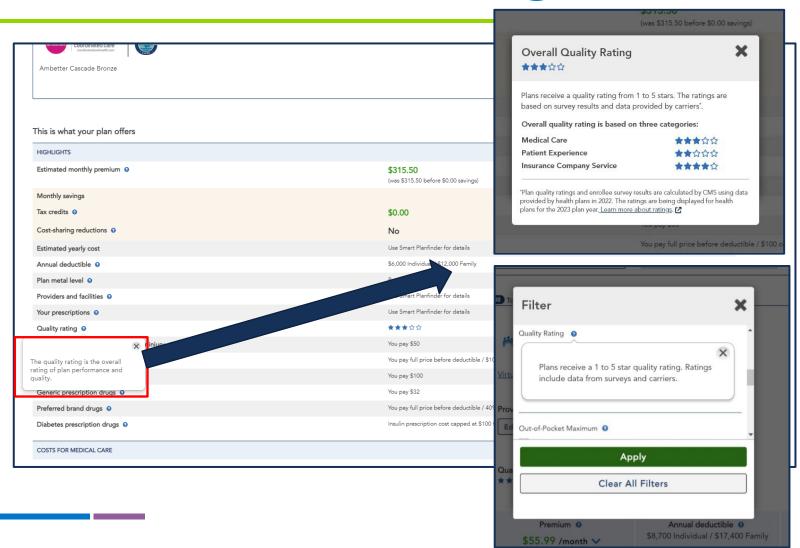






## Federal Disclaimer for Star Ratings

- A new federally required disclaimer will be displayed when customers rate their shopping experience.
- Customers will have more information and additional context about where the star ratings come from and how they work.

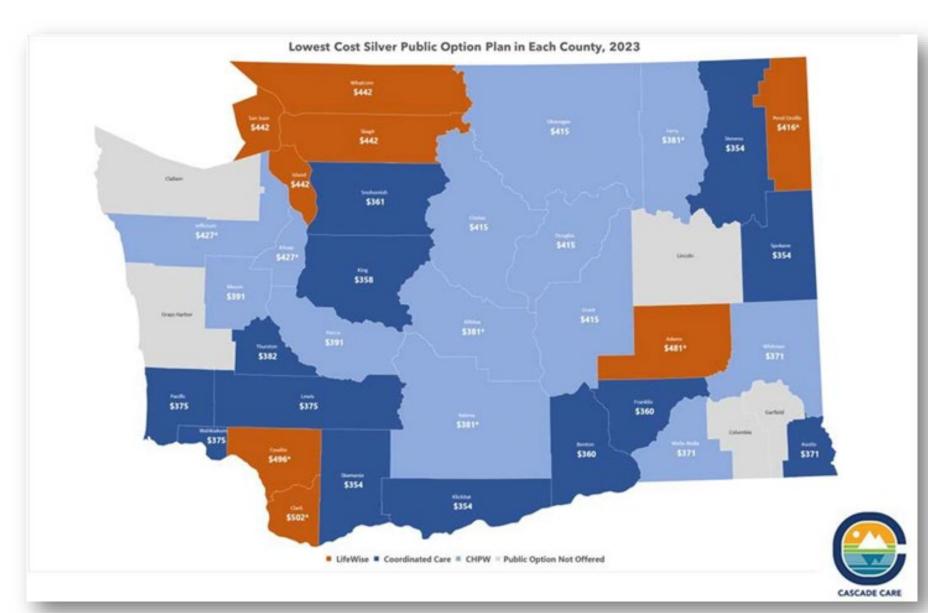


#### Public Option (Cascade Care)

- The Health Care Authority identified three carriers as successful bidders for plan year 2023:
  - ► CHPW, Coordinated Care, and LifeWise.
  - ► This competitive selection advances county coverage, affordability improvements, and market competition:
    - > Public option available in 34 counties, up from 25 in 2022.
    - > Public option rates will be lowest-premium Silver plans in 25 counties, up from 13 in 2022.
    - > The public option silver plan premium in one county would meet the meaningfully lower premium goal. (10% lower than lowest cost non-public option silver plan in county.)

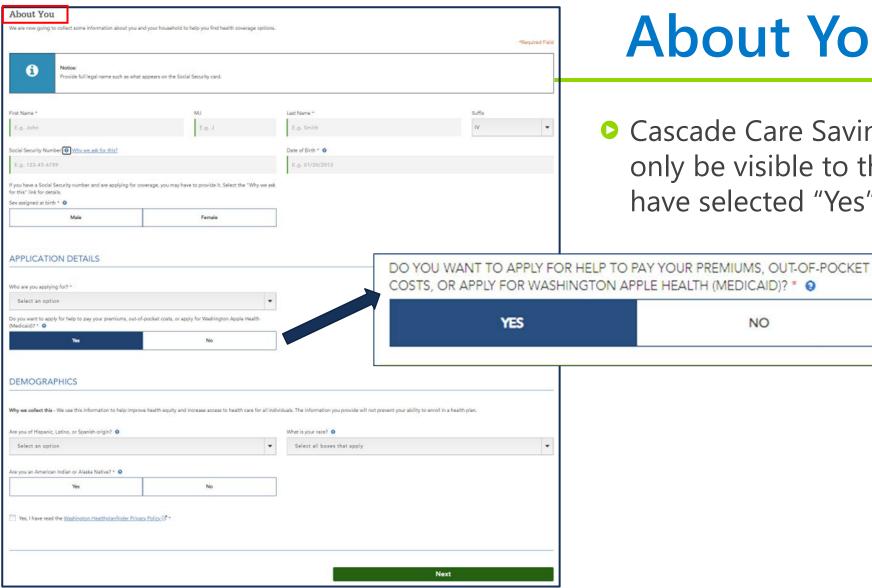
## **Public Option (Cascade Care)**

- Public option is lowest-cost silver QHP in 25 counties.
- Cascade Care plans (standard and public option) are lowest- cost silver plans in 30 counties.
- Silver public option rates range from \$354-\$502.



#### Cascade Care Savings

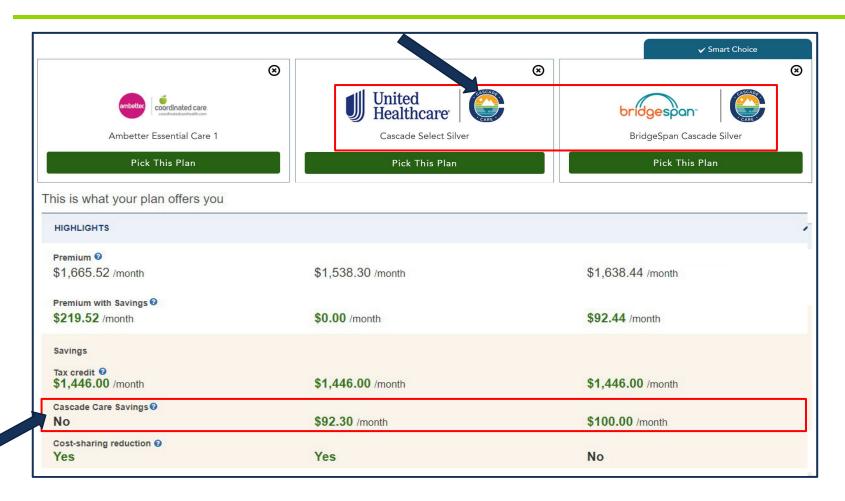
- Cascade Care Savings includes a State-based premium subsidy in plan year 2023 for qualifying customers who:
  - Are qualified health plan eligible.
  - Live in Washington.
  - Citizen or 'lawfully present' (including those in five-year bar).
  - ▶ Not eligible for minimum essential coverage through Medicaid or Medicare.
  - ► Includes individuals receiving federal tax credits, and those who do not.
  - ► Have household incomes at or below 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL).



#### **About You**

Cascade Care Savings changes will only be visible to the customer if they have selected "Yes".

# Cascade Care Savings

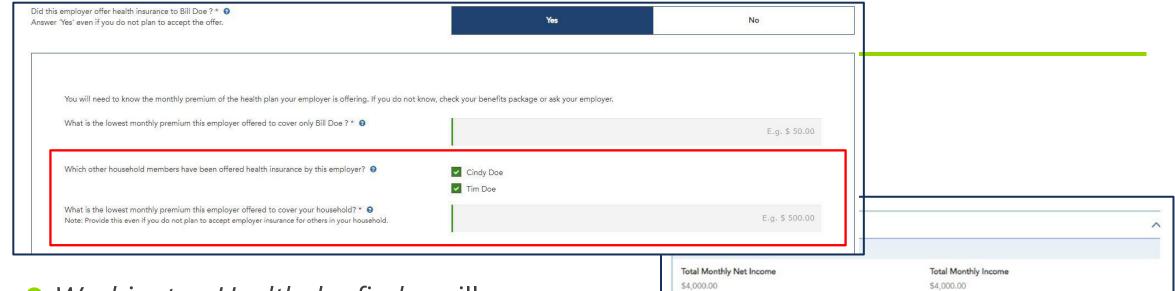


This image shows how customers can identify Cascade Savings eligible plans when comparing 2023 plans.

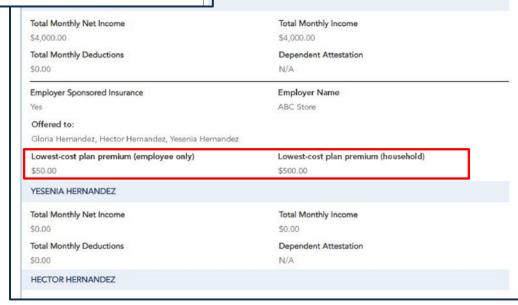
## **Family Glitch**

- The Family Glitch is a hole in the Affordable Care Act that affects low to moderate income families to not qualify for premium assistance due to the rules that determine the "affordability" of employer offered health insurance.
- Beginning 2023, the Family Glitch will be fixed, affordability will be based on the household cost for their employer-sponsored plan.
  - ▶ If a family has to pay more than a certain percentage of household income for the employer-sponsored plan, they would potentially be eligible for premium tax credits.
- During open enrollment customers will be asked additional questions that will provide them eligibility for tax credits under this new rule for plans in 2023.

# **Family Glitch Solution**



- Washington Healthplanfinder will now request input from customers with employer- sponsored insurance of the lowest-cost plan for both the individual and the household.
- The system will calculate tax credit eligibility based on the costs the customer provides.



# Family Glitch Solution Design Gap



- When customers and account workers land on the application review page, they will see the employee listed twice at the end of the list.
- A brand-new application would not have this issue.
- There is not need to open a ticket regarding this issue since it's been addressed.

# **Other Updates**



#### **Other Enhancements**

- Other system enhancements/updates include:
  - ► Field Level Help has been corrected in the Shopping screens.
  - ▶ Periodic data matching with Federal resources to check for Medicare and death status.
  - Updates on the Americans with Disabilities Act to address accessibility for visually impaired:
    - > Tabbing on income, deduction and contact customer support pages.
    - ➤ Increasing the color contrast on the Eligibility Results Screen.
    - > Streamlining Dropdowns and adding a Scroll to Top option.
    - > Fixing the person removal "Date of Removal" field.
  - Washington Healthplanfinder will provide the correct eligibility when a customer has been reported as deceased.

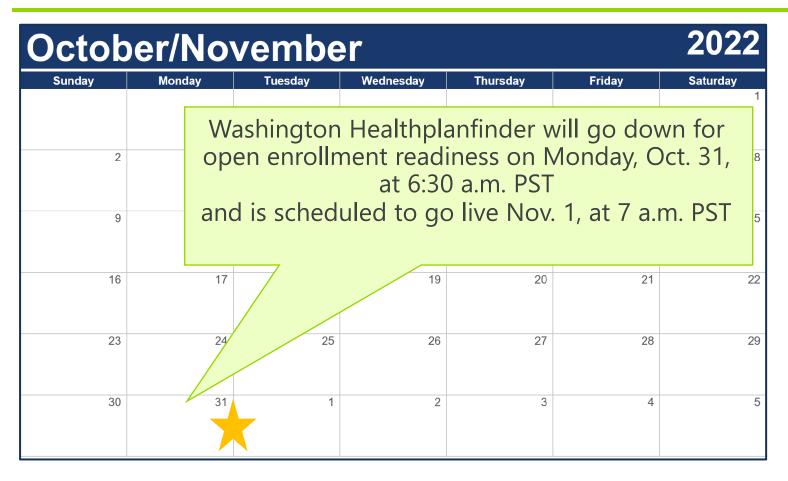
#### **Other Updates**

- Language for denial reasons has been updated to be consistent with Cascade Care Savings language throughout the application.
  - ► Replace "State Subsidy" → "Cascade Care Savings".
  - Remove special characters where it is not expected.
  - Copy Text review needed to ensure messaging is user friendly.
  - ► Align on screen and correspondence messaging.
  - Denial reason codes and description update.
  - ► EE015 Correspondence in eight languages.
- Account workers will now be able to use display settings to zoom levels less than 100% without having errors in Washington Healthplanfinder.
- Applications will update the eligibility service when changes are made.

# **Open Enrollment**



#### **Open Enrollment - System Downtime**



- QHP Open Enrollment dates:
  - Nov 1 Dec 15,
     2022, for Jan 1,
     2023, coverage.
  - Dec 16, 2022- Jan15, 2023, for Feb 1,2023, coverage.
- Apple Health has no open Enrollment.
  Apply any time!

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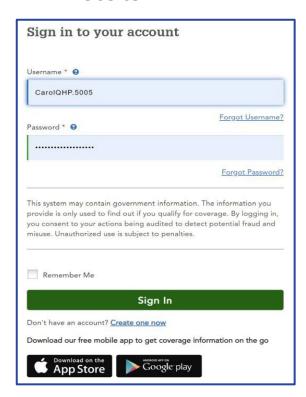
#### How to Download WAPlanfinder

- Customers can download
   WAPlanfinder from their phone
   App Store or Google Play Store.
- Customers may be prompted to download the app if they are on Washington Healthplanfinder web application through their mobile device.
- Customers will see store links from the Sign into your account screen in Washington Healthplanfinder.

Mobile Device Browser



Website



#### Resources



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#### HCA Stakeholder Training and Education webpage

hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training

#### System Guides

► <u>hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/reference-guides</u>

#### HCA Cascade Savings webpage

hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/cascade-care

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