

## Processing Applications for Deceased Individuals

Only the following individuals are authorized to submit applications for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) on behalf of deceased individuals.

- A legal guardian or representative of the applicant or estate that extends past death;
- A surviving spouse;
- A parent of an applicant who is a minor;
- A tax filer on behalf of a tax dependent, or
- An adult child applying for their parent and no surviving spouse exists.

Navigators, certified application counselors, Health Care Authority (HCA) community partners, and hospital financial counselors *are not authorized* to submit applications for deceased individuals unless they have been appointed as legal guardians or representatives that extend past death. Other individuals wishing to apply on behalf of a deceased individual should apply for legal guardianship with the courts.

Other individuals may be considered on a case-by-case basis as determined by HCA.

### MAGI-Based Washington Apple Health (Coverage for adults without Medicare, children, pregnant women, parents/caretakers)

#### Instructions for submitting MAGI-based applications on behalf of deceased individuals:

1. Complete a paper [Application for Health Care Coverage \(18-001\)](#). Do not submit the application in Healthplanfinder. Indicate on the application:
  - The applicant is deceased;
  - The date of death;
  - All household income received in the month of death, including by the deceased applicant; and
  - Verification of legal guardianship or representation that extends past death, if applicable.
2. If retroactive eligibility is needed, fill out the [Retroactive Healthcare Coverage Request form \(HCA 13-952\)](#).

**Additional verification may be requested by HCA before eligibility can be determined.**

3. Fax the completed application and other related documents to:

**Fax:** 360-725-1158

**To:** Health Care Authority

ATTN: Jessica Cottom, Medical Assistance Specialist

**Re:** Deceased application



## Classic Medicaid Washington Apple Health

(Coverage for individuals who are aged, blind, disabled with Medicare, or in need of long term care services and supports)

### Instructions for submitting Classic Apple Health applications on behalf of deceased individuals:

Applications for aged, blind and disabled individuals will continue to go through DSHS by completing an application for [Long-Term Care/Aged, Blind, Disabled Coverage \(HCA 18-005\)](#) or an online application through [Washington Connection](#).

### Additional Resources

[Memo – Applications for MAGI-Based Washington Apple Health \(Medicaid\) Coverage for Deceased Individuals](#)

[WAC 182-503-0010 – Washington Apple Health – Who may apply](#)

