

## Processing Applications for Deceased Individuals

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

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.

The designation as an authorized representative ends upon an individual's death.

The following individuals are authorized to submit an application on behalf of a deceased applicant:

- A legal guardian or representative of the applicant or estate that extends past death;
- A surviving spouse;
- A parent of the applicant; or
- An adult child applying for their parent and no surviving spouse exists.

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

### MAGI-Based Washington Apple Health (health coverage for single adults, 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 \(18-001\)](#). 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.
  - 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.

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

**Fax:** 360-664-2186

**To:** Health Care Authority

ATTN: Jessica Cottom, Medical Assistance Specialist

**Re:** Deceased application



## Classic Medicaid Washington Apple Health

(health coverage for individuals who are aged, blind, disabled 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 182-502-0010 – Washington Apple Health – Who may apply](#)