

Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0

Frequently asked questions

This document gives answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the short extension that Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [approved for Washington State](#). This extension will occur while our state and CMS negotiate the waiver renewal application for Washington's Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP), called MTP 2.0.

Because of this extension, **the current MTP waiver period will now end on June 30, 2023.**

What's MTP?

MTP is what we call our state's Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver, which is an agreement between CMS and Washington State. MTP allows our state to develop innovative projects, activities, and services that improve Apple Health (Washington State's Medicaid program).

What's MTP 2.0?

MTP 2.0 is what we're calling the MTP waiver renewal. If approved by CMS, MTP 2.0 will allow us to continue existing programs and develop and create new innovative projects, activities, and services that improve Apple Health.

What's the status of the MTP 2.0 application?

In July of 2022, the Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) submitted the MTP 2.0 waiver renewal application to CMS. We began meeting with CMS in October 2022; however, CMS will not finish their MTP 2.0 negotiations by the end of the year, given their work and negotiations with other states. So, CMS [approved a short extension](#) to the current MTP waiver period.

Can you tell me more about this short extension?

CMS approved a short extension—from January 1–June 30, 2023—to the current MTP waiver period, which was scheduled to end December 31, 2022.

This extension will allow:

- Current MTP programs to continue, and Apple Health enrollees can continue to have access to services without disruption of care.
- Time for CMS to review Washington's MTP 2.0 application.
- Our state to continue to negotiate and work with CMS, which will continue throughout the extension.

Will current MTP programs and services continue during the extension?

Yes, **all current MTP programs will continue, and Apple Health enrollees can continue to have access to services** without disruption of care.

Could some MTP 2.0 policies be approved during the extension?

Possibly. This short extension **may** include approval of **some** MTP 2.0 policies by June 30, 2023, based on precedent in other states (e.g., continuous enrollment for children). However, the majority of MTP 2.0 policies—if approved by CMS—would be approved by mid-2023 because they require ongoing negotiation with CMS.

If CMS approves MTP 2.0, when will MTP 2.0 actually begin?

CMS will provide an official start date of MTP 2.0 when negotiations are complete. The new policies and programs of MTP 2.0 will be phased in throughout the life of the renewal.

Will the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program continue during the extension?

Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) will continue to receive DSRIP funds based on their performance, which will continue through 2024. Indian health care providers (IHCPs) will continue to receive DSRIP funds based on their performance as well, which will continue through 2023. However, CMS **will not authorize** additional or new funding for the DSRIP program during the extension.