

Washington State  
Health Care Authority

Getting Medicaid Match for  
Inmate Offenders – A Training for  
Tribal Assistors

# Training Agenda

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**Changes to Medicaid under the ACA**

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**Medicaid Eligibility with No Changes**

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**Classic Medicaid**

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**Intro to the WA Healthplanfinder**

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**Becoming credentialed in HPF and the Inmate  
Application Process**

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# Medicaid in 2014

Highlights under the ACA

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Effective October 1, 2013:

- New brand name for Medicaid
- New application web portal opens
- Use of MAGI Methodology
- Change to renewal process for family, children, and pregnancy medical programs

Effective January 1, 2014:

- Coverage begins for New Adult Group program

# New Brand Name for Medicaid



# New Application Web Portal



[www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org)

# New Adult Group

Effective January 1, 2014, Medicaid will expand:

- For individuals age 19 up to 65, previously not eligible for a Medicaid program
- Income below 138% FPL
- Not entitled to Medicare
- Not incarcerated

# New Adult Group - FPL Standards

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Monthly Income Limit</b>	<b>Yearly Income Limit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$1, 294</b>	<b>\$15,528</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$1,744</b>	<b>\$20,928</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$2,194</b>	<b>\$26,328</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$2,644</b>	<b>\$31,728</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$3,094</b>	<b>\$37,128</b>



# FPL Standards

## **Washington Apple Health – current standards**

- 185% - Washington Apple Health Pregnancy
- 200% - No-cost Apple Health for Kids
- 300% - Premium-Based Apple Health for Kids

## **Health Benefit Exchange – effective January 1, 2014**

- 400% - Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits (HIPTC)

# Medicaid in 2014

## General Medicaid Eligibility

# Medicaid Eligibility Criteria

## Eligibility Changes under the ACA

Income

Household Composition

Change of Circumstances

Alien Emergency Medical

Resource/Asset Limits

## Not Changing in 2014

Citizenship/Immigration

Social Security Numbers (SSN)

Retroactive Coverage

Residency

Incarceration and FFP for Inpatient

# MAGI Changes

## Eligibility criteria changing

- Alien Emergency Medical
- Income Reporting Requirements
- Resource/Asset Limits
- Income (MAGI)
- Household Composition (MAGI)

# Alien Emergency Medical

The AEM program allows emergent coverage for individuals who, because of immigration status, are not eligible for Medicaid

Previously, to be eligible for AEM, an individual had to be related to one of the following Medicaid programs:

- Aged, blind or individuals with a disability
- Pregnant Women
- Children
- Parent taking care of a dependent child

# Alien Emergency Medical

Beginning January 1, 2014, with the expansion of Medicaid to include a new adult Medicaid group, more individuals will qualify for the AEM program

## Example:

A 25 year old single adult male is injured in a car accident, which results in broken bones, requiring a hospital stay

- Today: this individual is not relatable to a Medicaid program and does not qualify for AEM
- In January 2014: this same individual will be relatable to AEM if his income falls below 138% of the FPL

# Income Reporting Requirements

## **In October 2013**

All programs under MAGI will have a \$150 reporting requirement (for income changes expected to last more than one month)

There will continue to be no income reporting requirements for pregnant women and children

# Resource/Asset Limits

All resource/asset limits are eliminated for MAGI programs



# MAGI Countable Income

- Countable income for tax purposes will be countable income for MAGI Medicaid
- The Washington Healthplanfinder application web portal is programmed to only ask for countable income

# Earned MAGI Income

## Countable MAGI earned income

- Wages and salaries
- Tips
- Commissions
- Profits from self-employment

# Self-Employment Income

## How self-employment is counted

If an individual has worked long enough to file a federal tax return for the previous year and it represents their current income:

- The agency determines self-employment income by using the income and deductions claimed on the previous year's taxes

# Unearned MAGI Income

## Unearned income benefits considered as countable income for MAGI Medicaid

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Railroad Retirement</li><li>• Unemployment Compensation</li><li>• Social Security Benefits<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retirement</li><li>• Disability</li><li>• Survivors</li></ul></li><li>• Rental Income</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pensions</li><li>• IRAs</li><li>• Military Retirement</li><li>• Annuities</li><li>• Dividend Payments</li><li>• Per Capita Distributions from Tribal Gaming</li></ul> |
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# MAGI Non-Countable Income

Income that is non-countable under MAGI methodology:

- Employment and training programs
- Bona fide loans
- Federal income tax refunds
- Earned income tax credit
- Child support payments
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# Medicaid Eligibility with No Changes

# Eligibility not Changing

The following eligibility requirements will not change under the ACA:

- Citizenship & Immigration
- Residency
- SSN
- Incarceration
- Retroactive Coverage

# Citizenship & Immigration

Citizenship and Immigration eligibility rules will continue to follow existing Medicaid rules

Individuals who are not citizens will fall into four categories:

- **Exempt:** Qualified aliens exempt from the five year bar
- **Not Exempt:** Qualified aliens who must serve a five year bar
- **Non-Qualified Aliens:** Non-citizens who are lawfully present, but not considered qualified aliens
- **Undocumented Aliens:** Individuals who have entered the U.S. illegally or whose immigration status has been revoked



# Residency

Residency requirements continue to follow existing Medicaid rules.

A Washington resident is an individual who states that they currently reside in WA State and who:

- Intends to live in WA State;
- Entered the state looking for employment; or
- Entered the state with current employment.

# Social Security Number

Social Security Number requirements continue to follow existing Medicaid rules

- Each individual who applies for or receives Washington Apple Health (WAH) must provide his or her valid Social Security Number (SSN)
- WAH coverage is not delayed, denied or terminated pending the issuance of an SSN by the SSA

# Incarceration

Rules around incarceration did not change.

While an individual is placed in a city, county, or state institution, they are not eligible for Medicaid coverage. Individuals can be Medicaid eligible while residing in an institution if they become inpatient in a medical facility (admitted for over 24 hours).

Correctional facilities can be certified by HCA to make Medicaid application for inmates admitted to a hospital for emergent medical needs. The certification process includes a training requirement, background check, and signing a MOU attesting to follow a specific process.

# Retroactive Coverage

An individual may apply for retroactive coverage for unpaid medical bills incurred within a three month period prior to the month of application.

To receive retroactive coverage, an individual must request this during the application process or within the certification period.

**NOTE:** Families will receive notification of retroactive eligibility through a separate notification letter. Retroactive coverage will be determined outside of the WA Healthplanfinder, and families will not receive a real-time determination.

# Classic Medicaid

# Classic Medicaid

The following programs do not follow MAGI methodology:

- Aged, blind or individuals with disabilities
- SSI cash recipients
- Foster care children
- Long-term care and waived services
- Medicare Savings Program

# Classic Medicaid

- No changes in eligibility
- Eligibility continues to be managed by DSHS
- Eligibility determinations continue to be completed in the ACES system
- Verification of income and resources is required as it is today
- Renewal process is not changing
- Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities (HWD) will continue for individuals who are blind or have a disability and are working

# Applying for an Inmate



# Simplified Application Process for MAGI Related Groups

Family, children, pregnant women and new adult group:

- Eligibility determinations will be made through the Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF) web portal
- Automated data-matching will be used to verify
  - SSN
  - Citizenship and immigration status
  - Income
- Real-time eligibility determination received after completion of an application and data-match through the new HPF web portal

# A Signed MOU Allows Tribes to Apply Prior to Release

- For releasing inmates an eligibility determinations can be made up to 30 days prior to release
- Inpatient stays can be paid by Medicaid provided:
  - The medical facility considers the stay inpatient
  - The applicant is Medicaid eligible
  - The facility has a signed MOU with HCA
- The ability to certify Medicaid prior to release can also be used to access treatment services in lieu of staying in a jail

# The MOU clarifies these points:

- Applications cannot be made prior to 30 days from release
- Allows tribes to use of a streamline application
- Allows tribes to make application for inpatient stays
- Training and support is available through HCA
- The facility must store or retain the application for 7 years

# CSC Referral List

<b>HCA Medical Assistance Customer Service Center (MACSC)</b>	<b>HBE Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center (HBE CSC)</b>	<b>DSHS Community Services Division Customer Service Contact Center (CSCC)</b>	<b>HCA Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS)</b>
1-800-562-3022 or <a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1contactus/">https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1contactus/</a>	1-855-923-4633	1-877-501-2233	1-855-623-9357 or <a href="mailto:AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov">AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov</a>
ProviderOne Client Services Card inquiries	Apply or renew for health care coverage	Apply for Food or Child Care assistance	Washington Apple Health MAGI Medicaid eligibility questions
Provider billing and claims questions	HIPTC/QHP/SHOP questions	Apply for Cash assistance (including TANF, ABD, etc.)	Post-Eligibility Case Review questions
Healthy Options enrollment and disenrollment	Locate an HBE In-person Assister	Apply for Classic Medicaid programs	Washington Apple Health for Kids premium payment questions
ProviderOne Benefit Services Package questions	Request an appeal for HIPTC/QHP programs (denials/terminations)	Request an appeal for Classic Medicaid, Cash, Food, or Child Care assistance (denials/terminations)	Request an appeal for Washington Apple Health programs (denials/terminations)

# Resources

## **HCA Medicaid Expansion 2014**

[www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me)

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# Final Questions

