

About the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP)

And the MTP renewal, MTP 2.0

MTP is Washington State's Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver between the Health Care Authority (HCA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). MTP allows our state to create and continue to develop projects, activities, and services that improve Washington's health care system.

All MTP programs support Apple Health (Medicaid) enrollees.

MTP 2.0

The initial MTP waiver period ended on June 30, 2023. On that same day, CMS approved MTP to continue for an additional five years, **beginning July 1, 2023**. We call the MTP renewal "MTP 2.0," which will help widen our reach to provide more programs, services, and supports to our most vulnerable populations.

The table [on the next page](#) shows MTP programs by topic, program name, population(s) served, if the program is new or continuing, and other information.

MTP 2.0 goals

Under the renewal, our goals are to:

- Expand coverage and access to care, ensuring that people can get the care they need.
- Advance whole-person primary, preventive, and home- and community-based care.
- Accelerate care delivery and payment innovation focused on health-related social needs.

MTP 2.0 programs

Topic	Program name	Population served ¹	New or continuing?	Additional information
Older and aging adults & family caregivers	Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) & Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults, ages 55 and older Unpaid family caregivers, ages 18 and older 	Continuing from initial MTP waiver period with expanded financial eligibility criteria under TSOA	<p>MAC and TSOA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand care options for older people so they can stay at home and delay or avoid more intensive services like moving to a nursing facility. Assist unpaid family caregivers who provide care for their loved ones.
	Presumptive Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals presumptively determined to be eligible for section 1915(c) COPES, section 1915(k) Community First Choice, or State Plan Medicaid Personal Care 	New	This program includes presumptive eligibility to support access and enrollment in long-term services and supports.
Housing & employment	Foundational Community Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals, age 16 or older, who have a qualifying social risk factor and a needs-based factor, such as a behavioral health need, SUD, or a long-term care or physical disability care need 	Continuing from initial MTP waiver period with expanded eligibility from 18 and older to 16 and older	This program provides supportive housing and supported employment services for high-risk Apple Health members.

¹ In addition to these specific populations, all MTP 2.0 programs support Apple Health (Medicaid) enrollees.

Behavioral health	Substance use disorder (SUD) IMD²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals between ages 21-65 who need residential or inpatient SUD treatment services 	Continuing from initial MTP waiver period	This program provides SUD treatment services, including services provided in residential and inpatient treatment settings that qualify as an IMD.
	Contingency management for SUD treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals experiencing SUD 	New	This program provides an evidence-based intervention for SUD.
	Mental health IMD³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals between ages 21-65 who need inpatient or community-based care for serious mental illness (SMI) 	Continuing from initial MTP waiver period	This program provides SMI treatment services, from short-term acute care inpatient settings for SMI to ongoing chronic care in community-based settings.
Continuous enrollment	Continuous Apple Health enrollment for children, ages 0 through 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For children, ages 0 through 5 	New	This program provides continued benefits for eligible children, ages 0 through the end of the month in which they turn 6 years old.
	Apple Health postpartum coverage expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For postpartum individuals 	New	This program provides continued benefits for individuals from the end of

^{2&3} IMD stands for “institution for mental diseases.” IMDs are hospitals, nursing facilities, or other institutions of more than 16 beds that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, which includes SUD.

We acknowledge the term “mental disease” may be harmful or stigmatizing. We use it in this context only to reflect the legal terminology used in statute.

				the pregnancy through 12 months of postpartum.
Re-entry from a carceral setting	Re-entry coverage for individuals leaving a prison, jail, or youth correctional facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals leaving a prison, jail, or youth correctional facility 	New	This program provides individuals pre-release services up to 90 days prior to the expected date of release to their communities.
Health-related social needs (HRSN)	Community Hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who may have multiple health and social needs (i.e., vulnerable individuals) 	New	This program focuses on community-based care coordination, including screening patients, determining patient needs, connecting patients to community organizations that can provide those needs, and more.
	Native Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Indian/Alaska Native people 	New	Native Hub is a statewide network of Indian health care providers, tribal social service divisions, and Native-led, Native-serving organizations focused on whole-person care coordination.
	Other HRSN services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals who may have multiple health and social needs (i.e., vulnerable individuals) 	New	Includes nutrition, housing, rental subsidies, transportation, and other non-medical HRSN services that help a person live their healthiest life.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals with a qualifying homelessness risk factor 		<p>Rental subsidies up to 6 months is a specific HRSN service. This program provides financial assistance to individuals at risk of homelessness so they can pay their rent and have stable housing.</p>
HRSN system	HRSN Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers and other partnering organizations, including Accountable Communities of Health and community-based organizations 	New	<p>This program provides infrastructure investments to support the readiness for HRSN service delivery. Investments include technology, planning, workforce development, and convening.</p>

Other MTP 2.0 updates

In July 2023, HCA and the Department of Social and Health Services requested an amendment to MTP 2.0. If approved by CMS, this amendment will provide:

- Medicaid (Apple Health) coverage for former foster care youth—also known as Alumni coverage in Washington—from other states who turn (or turned) 18 prior to January 1, 2023.
- Continuous enrollment for Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for CHIP children during the first six years of their lives. (CHIP is a program under Apple Health.)
 - **Note:** this program is different from the recently approved continuous Apple Health enrollment for children program. If CMS approves this program, both Apple Health- and CHIP-enrolled children will receive continuous enrollment of their health care coverage.

If approved, this amendment will apply to the current MTP 2.0 waiver period.