

# Fee-for-Service program for American Indian/Alaska Natives

## Overview

This program was created in response to concerns expressed by the Washington State Tribes and the Urban Indian Health Organizations. Individuals enrolled in Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) who identify as American Indian and/or Alaska Native (AI/AN) and are exempt from requirement to enroll in a managed care organization for physical and behavioral health (substance use disorder and mental health) treatment.

## Background

As of April 1, 2016, all AI/AN Apple Health clients were given the opportunity to seek substance use disorder services through the Fee-for Service (FFS) program, instead of through the Behavioral Health Organization for their region. On July 1, 2017, mental health services were added to the FFS program.

## Eligibility requirements

Effective January 1, 2020, under the FFS program, behavioral health services are not purchased, provided, or authorized by managed care organizations (MCOs). These services provided are based on medical necessity and determined by the provider agency enrolled with HCA in the FFS program. FFS clients may also choose to enroll in a MCO at any time, effective the first day of the following month.

## Authority

The FFS Program operates under the authority of the Medicaid 1915 (b) Waiver as it exempts the AI/AN population from mandatory enrollment in managed care for behavioral health services.

## 2020-2021 budget

Title XIX (Medicaid)

## Rates

**Substance use disorder (SUD) and mental health (MH) fee schedules are available online at: [FFS Fee-schedules](#)**

## Key partners

Washington State Tribes, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

## Oversight

HCA's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) has oversight of providers who have registered through the Provider Entry Portal to provide behavioral health services to AI/AN FFS Apple Health clients. The FFS AI/AN program serves 55,549 individuals.

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