

Interim Final Rule and impacts to Apple Health

August 2026

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Work requirements

- ▶ Beginning January 1, 2027, a new eligibility criteria for all individuals applying for or renewing Apple Health for Adults will be required
 - ▶ Individuals who do not meet an exclusion at the time of application or renewal will need to either meet work requirements or qualify for an exemption
- ▶ Work requirements do not apply to any other Apple Health programs
- ▶ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the Interim Final Rule (IFR) on June 1, 2026

Apple Health for Adults

- ▶ Apple Health for Adults is a program for individuals between the ages of 19 and 64.
 - ▶ **Income limit:** Under 138% federal poverty level (FPL)
- ▶ The ProviderOne benefit inquiry screen is one way to determine if your patient is on this program with Recipient Aid Category (RAC) and coverage group code N05:
 - ▶ RAC 1201 or
 - ▶ RAC 1217

Client Eligibility Spans												
Insurance Type Code	Recipient Aid Category (RAC)	Benefit Service Package	Eligibility Start Date	Eligibility End Date	Review End Date	ACES Coverage Group	ACES Case Number	Location	Estimated Release Date	Retro Eligibility	Delayed Certification	Remaining Benefit Balance Amount
MC: Medicaid	1201	ABP	04/01/2026	12/31/2999	03/31/2027	N05						
Message(s): This is the Clients eligibility as of this date,based on information available at this time												

Timing of work requirement activities

- ▶ Whether applying for or renewing Apple Health for Adults coverage, individuals will need to show they recently met work requirements, have an exemption, or have a current month exclusion.
- ▶ When an activity counts toward eligibility depends on the type of activity:

Work requirement	At application	At renewal
Work requirement activity	Must meet month before application month	Any one month during your certification period
Exemption	Must meet month before application month	Any one month during your certification period
Current month exclusion	Can have during application month or month before	Any one month during certification period

Exclusions

Work requirement exclusions

- ▶ Some individuals do not need to meet work requirements because they meet a current month exclusion.
- ▶ Current month exclusions include:
 - ▶ Foster youth or former foster youth under age 26
 - ▶ Pregnant or in 12-month postpartum period
 - ▶ Parent/caretakers of children under 14
 - ▶ Parent/caretaker of individual with disability
 - ▶ Tribal members
 - ▶ Incarcerated or within 90 days post-release period
 - ▶ In a SNAP (food assistance) household required to meet work requirements or compliant with TANF (cash assistance) work requirements
 - ▶ Disabled veteran with 100% total disability
 - ▶ Medically frail
 - ▶ Alcohol or substance use disorder (AUD/SUD) treatment

Foster Care Alumni

- ▶ Adults aged 18-26 who were in Foster Care at age 18 are eligible for Foster Care Alumni coverage and will not be enrolled in Apple Health for Adults.
 - ▶ Individuals on Foster Care Alumni who turn 27 are redetermined for other coverage.
 - ▶ If eligible for Apple Health for Adults program, they do not need to meet work requirements at renewal because they meet a current month exclusion.
- ▶ Learn more about [Foster Care coverage](#).

American Indian and Alaska Native

- ▶ AI/AN individuals do not need to meet work requirements.
- ▶ They will continue to receive a 12-month coverage period instead of a 6-month coverage period.
- ▶ View [American Indians and Alaska Natives \(AI/AN\)](#) for more information.

Caretakers explained

- ▶ Parents, guardians, caretaker relatives, and family caregivers of people with disabilities or dependent children under 14 do not need to meet work requirements.
- ▶ The IFR created new definitions to ensure compliance with this exclusion:
 - ▶ **Dependent child** is considered under age 14 through the month they turn 14.
 - ▶ **Caretaker relative** is a relative by blood, adoption, or marriage who assumes primary responsibility for the child or person with disability. There are different relationships that qualify for a dependent child and a person with a disability.

Definitions continued

- ▶ **Guardian** is an adult appointed by a court to care for and make personal decisions for the dependent child or person with a disability.
- ▶ **Family caregiver** is an adult family member or other individual that has a significant relationship with and provides care to the dependent child or person with a disability. This relationship is not limited to legally recognized relatives or members of the same household.
- ▶ **Person with a disability** is a person who meets the American with Disabilities Act definition and does not have to be classified as disabled by Medicaid or Medicare.

Disabled veterans

- ▶ Veterans with a total or 100% disability rating from Veterans Affairs (VA) do not need to meet work requirements.
 - ▶ Veterans with less than 100% disability rating do not need to meet work requirements when they receive 100% compensation.
- ▶ For more information, visit [U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs](https://www.va.gov).

Medically frail

- ▶ Apple Health for Adults individuals whose disability or condition significantly impairs their ability to work do not need to meet work requirements. Individuals are considered medically frail when they have:
 - ▶ A substance use disorder (SUD)
 - ▶ A disabling mental disorder
 - ▶ A physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living
 - ▶ A serious or complex medical condition
 - ▶ Blindness or disability (as defined in section 1614 of the Social Security Act)

Receiving TANF or SNAP

- ▶ Individuals who are part of a household receiving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) qualify for a current-month exemption from the Medicaid work requirements when the:
 - ▶ SNAP household is subject to work requirements
 - ▶ TANF household is compliant with work requirements
- ▶ For more information, visit [DSHS Basic Food](#) and [DSHS Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#)

Rehabilitation or treatment program

- ▶ Individuals participating in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation and treatment program do not need to meet work requirements.
- ▶ To meet this exemption, the program must be conducted by a private non-profit organization or institution or a publicly operated community health center and can be either inpatient or outpatient.

Inmate of a public institution or 3 months post-release

- ▶ In Washington, individuals may continue to be eligible for the Apple Health for Adults program while being an inmate of a public institution.
 - ▶ During this time, their benefits are suspended and they do not need to meet work requirements.
- ▶ Individuals also do not need to meet work requirements if they were released from a public institution such as prison within the last three months of application or renewal.
- ▶ Learn more about [Medicaid suspension](#).

Medically frail

Medically frail preliminary definitions

- ▶ Substance use disorder (SUD)
 - ▶ A behavioral health condition characterized by uncontrolled use of one or more substances despite harmful consequences and impairment.
- ▶ Disabling mental disorder
 - ▶ A significant mental illness, including both persistent and episodic, that impacts an individual's ability to function in daily life activities.

Medically frail preliminary definitions

- ▶ A physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living.
- ▶ Blindness or disability (as defined in section 1614 of the Social Security Act)
 - ▶ **Blind** is defined as individuals with a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or with a visual field of 20 degrees or less.
 - ▶ **Disabled** is defined as adults unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity due to a medically determinable physical or mental impairment expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.
- ▶ A serious or complex medical condition
 - ▶ An illness, impairment, injury, or physical or mental condition that significantly impairs health.

Code and conditions list

- ▶ A code set has been drafted to verify Apple Health for Adults medically frail attestation
 - ▶ Using an agreed upon definition of medically frail and other states/organizations lists, HCA built a list of codes that meet the definition
 - ▶ Public comment period ended June 19
 - ▶ Validating list with Chief Medical Officer and other clinical subject matter experts
- ▶ Next steps include:
 - ▶ Finalizing list and developing communication materials for providers and clients

Medically frail and IFR

- ▶ The IFR added several layers to the medically frail definition not outlined in H.R.1
 - ▶ Lookback period is 12 months
 - ▶ After January 1, 2028, self-attestation is accepted only once
 - ▶ Condition significantly impairs ability to comply with work requirements
 - ▶ Excludes individuals in recovery for 5 or more years due to being in stable recovery
 - ▶ Narrows definition of serious or complex medical condition

Exemptions

Exemptions

- ▶ Individuals do not need to complete work requirement activities when they are:
 - ▶ Under age 19
 - ▶ Enrolled in Medicare part A or part B
 - ▶ Enrolled in another Apple Health program
 - ▶ Have a short-term hardship

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Short-term hardship exemptions

Hardship	Automatic/Requested
Travelling outside your community for care related to a serious or complex condition for yourself or your dependent.	Requested
Spending part or all of a month in an inpatient hospital, nursing home, ICF/IID, inpatient psychiatric hospital services, or other services of similar acuity.	Requested
Living in an area where the President has declared a disaster.	Automatic
Living in a county with an unemployment rate that is 1.5 times the national unemployment rate.	Automatic

- ▶ There are four short-term hardships.
- ▶ Two hardships you must request, while two are automatic when you apply.

Work requirement activities

Work requirement activities

- ▶ There are several ways to meet work requirements activities, including:
 - ▶ Having minimum monthly income of \$580
 - ▶ Working at least 80 hours per month
 - ▶ Being enrolled in an education program
 - ▶ Participating in a work program
 - ▶ Volunteering or engaging in community service
 - ▶ A combination of these activities

Minimum monthly income

- ▶ Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) is used to determine eligibility for Apple Health for Adults. To meet the minimum income, monthly MAGI household income must be at least \$580.
- ▶ For example, Mark and Gene are married. Mark receives \$200 per month in social security benefits and Gene earns \$400 per month from a job. Their total household MAGI income is \$600, so both meet the \$580 a month threshold and work requirements.
- ▶ Learn more about [Modified Adjusted Gross Income \(MAGI\) income guide for Washington Apple Health \(Medicaid\)](#)

Working minimum of 80 hours per month

- ▶ Individuals who work but do not have at least \$580 in monthly income can meet work requirements by working a minimum of 80 hours per month. They may meet this work requirement when they work:
 - ▶ In exchange for money
 - ▶ In exchange for goods or services, often called in-kind work
 - ▶ Unpaid

Examples

- ▶ **Example one:** Steve is self-employed and owns a lawncare business. While his self-employment income is \$200 per month, he works 150 hours per month. Steve meets the work requirements of working a minimum of 80 hours per month.
- ▶ **Example two:** In exchange for reduced rent, Mary is the property manager for her building and works 87 hours per month. While Mary does not receive income, she meets the work requirements of working a minimum of 80 hours per month of in-kind work.

Education programs

- ▶ Enrolling in an education program at least half-time meets work requirements. Education programs include:
 - ▶ High school
 - ▶ GED program at a community college
 - ▶ Community college
 - ▶ Vocational and technical school
 - ▶ 4-year colleges and universities leading to a bachelor's degree
 - ▶ 1–2-year programs leading to a Master's or higher-level degree

Half-time enrollment

- ▶ Enrollment status, whether someone is full-time, half-time, or less than half-time varies depending on the institution. Students will need to check with their school to determine enrollment status.
 - ▶ Example one: [University of Washington Tacoma](#) considers half-time enrollment for undergraduate students as 6-11 credits and 5-9 credits for graduate.
 - ▶ Example two: [Clover Park Technical College](#) considers half-time enrollment as 6-8 credits.

Credit hours

- ▶ When an individual is enrolled in an education program on a less than half-time basis, credit hours are converted into work requirement hours.
- ▶ One credit hour counts as 13 hours of work requirement activities.

Credit hours	Monthly hours
1 credit hour	13 hours
2 credit hours	26 hours
3 credit hours	39 hours
4 credit hours	52 hours
5 credit hours	66 hours
6 credit hours	78 hours

Other education program hours

- ▶ For schools that do not use credit hours, hours spent attending class and participating in educational activities will count.
 - ▶ **Example:** Merv is in school for welding. He attends 8 hours of instruction and trains and practices for an additional 20 hours per month. His total educational program hours are 28 per month.

Enrollment status

- ▶ Enrollment status begins on the first day of the school term and continues through normal periods of attendance, vacation, and recess.
 - ▶ Enrollment status is based on what it was just before the break for individuals who apply for Apple Health for Adults during a school break.
 - ▶ Individuals are considered in an education program if they graduated and are enrolled in another educational program.
 - ▶ Individuals are not considered in an educational program when school ended due to an expulsion or withdrawal or they graduated and are not enrolled in another educational program.
- ▶ Learn more about community and technical colleges: [Explore Our Colleges](#)
- ▶ Learn more about four-year colleges and universities: [Universities in Washington State](#)

Work program for a minimum of 80 hours per month

- ▶ A work program is employment training or work-related activities designed to help an individual obtain employment or improve employability.
- ▶ The IFR requires this Medicaid work requirement to match the SNAP work requirement.
- ▶ The same work program activities and hours that count toward SNAP can count toward Apple Health for Adults work requirement activities.

Community service

- ▶ Community service through unpaid work with a structured program completed for the benefit of the community meets work requirement activities.
- ▶ Community service hours do not have to be voluntary; they may be court ordered.
- ▶ Community service cannot be partisan activities, benefit specific individuals, or be purely recreational in nature.
- ▶ Examples of community service locations:
 - ▶ Schools
 - ▶ Humane society
 - ▶ Libraries
 - ▶ Food banks
 - ▶ Park volunteer

Combination of activities

- ▶ Individuals meet work requirements when they have a combination of work requirement activities that total at least 80 hours per month. This includes working, education program, work program, and community service.
- ▶ **Example:** Fred is taking a 2-credit class, or the equivalent of 26 hours of work requirement activities. Fred volunteers with the Forest Service for 60 hours per month. Fred's work requirement activities total 86 hours per month. Fred meets the 80 hours of combination of work requirement activities.

Policy decisions

Verification

- ▶ Self attestation will be accepted through 2027.
- ▶ Beginning January 1, 2028, states will first use their available data sources to verify work requirements, exclusions, and exemptions.
- ▶ If the states are unable to verify information with the data sources, additional documentation will be requested.

State options or requirements

Washington selection

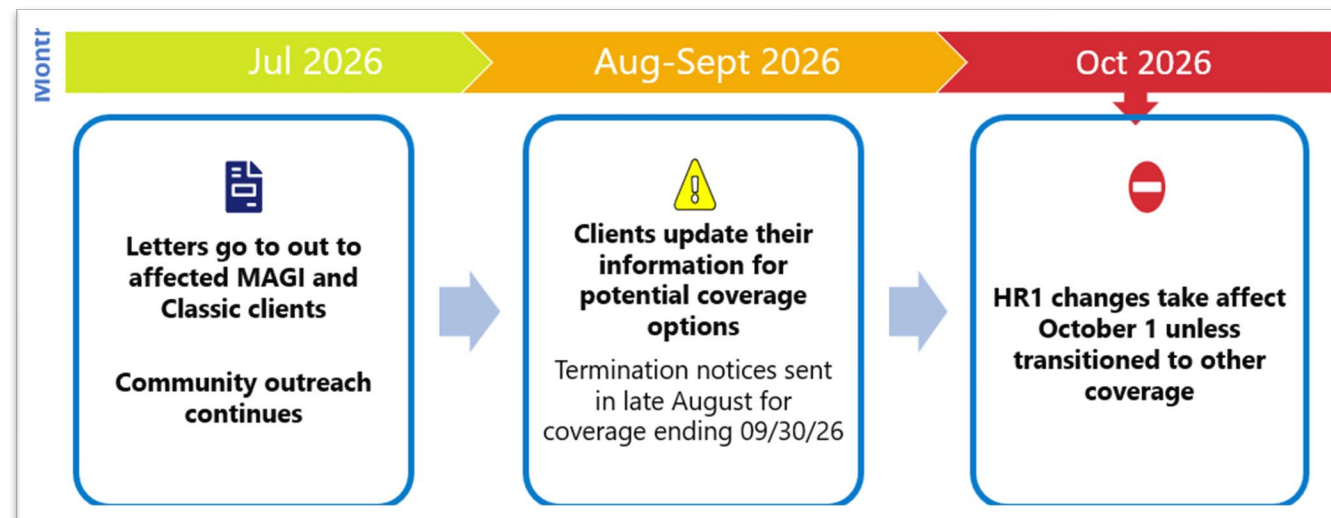
State options

Applicability: Applies to expanded adult population and similar 1115 waiver coverage groups	Work requirements only apply to Apple Health for Adults . Washington does not have a related 1115 waiver coverage group.
Implementation: Prior to January 1, 2027	Washington elected to apply work requirements on or after January 1, 2027. First applicable renewal month is February 2027.
Select one, two, or three months prior to application month an individual must meet work requirements	One month prior to application month.
Select number of months during renewal	Any one month during certification period.
More frequent verifications	Washington is not electing this option.
Elect short-term hardships	Washington is electing to implement all four short-term hardships.
Define "outside of your community"	Washington elects to define a commute of over an hour.
Expand definition of caretaker relative to include another relative of dependent child or person with disability in definition of caretaker relative	Caretaker relative will include another relative of the dependent child or person with a disability.
Reverify veteran's temporary total disability status at each renewal	Washington will reverify a veteran's temporary total disability at least every 12 months, not at each renewal.
Reverify medically frail exemption more frequently than at least every 12 months	Washington is not electing this option. Medically frail exemption will be verified at least every 12 months.
When to send the noncompliance notice at renewal with the prepopulated renewal form or after the renewal form is returned.	Washington will send the noncompliance notice with the prepopulated renewal form.
- Which programs in Washington count toward 80 hours versus 39 hours of work program. - Which programs count toward the AUD/SUD treatment and rehabilitation program - Conditions that meet the definition of medically frail and claims/billing codes that verify this exemption.	Coming soon

Other changes

Non-U.S. citizen definition change

- ▶ Effective October 2026, eligibility for lawfully-present non-citizens changes
 - ▶ Limited to lawful permanent residents, certain Cuban/Haitians and Compact of Free Association (COFA) islanders.
- ▶ May be eligible for other programs like Medical Care Services (MCS) or Emergency Medical (AEM)



Retroactive coverage period reduction

- ▶ Individuals may apply for coverage before their application date when they have outstanding medical bills.
 - ▶ [View the fact sheet \(available in 15 languages\)](#)
- ▶ Effective January 2027, the retroactive period is reduced from three months to:
 - ▶ One month for Apple Health for Adults
 - ▶ Two months for all other Apple Health programs
- ▶ Individuals applying in January 2027, may receive retroactive medical in the month of:
 - ▶ December 2026 when enrolled in Apple Health for Adults
 - ▶ November and December 2026 for all other programs

6-month redeterminations

- ▶ Effective January 2027, Apple Health for Adults certification period is reduced from 12 months to six months.
- ▶ Impacts roughly 610,650* individuals.
 - ▶ Excludes American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals.
- ▶ Additional burden for individuals who must manually renew their coverage
 - ▶ Today, about 20% must manually renew
 - ▶ Almost 80% are auto-renewed monthly by verifying eligibility with existing verification systems
- ▶ [View the fact sheet \(available in 15 languages\)](#)

Outreach and engagement

Customer outreach

- ▶ HCA will provide advance, clear communication to customers before changes take effect, using:
 - ▶ Direct notices
 - ▶ Customer-focused webpages, fact sheets, and social media
 - ▶ Digital outreach such as text, email, and video (as funding allows)
- ▶ Messaging will emphasize what customers need to know and when they need to act

Multi-channel communications

- ▶ Proactively share all changes ahead of impact, using:
 - ▶ Letters
 - ▶ Text messaging, email, videos, paid advertisements (dependent on outcome of budget).
- ▶ Developed H.R.1 specific questions pathway for clients and providers using the [Health Care Authority \(HCA\) support portal](#).
- ▶ Created audience specific webpages:
 - ▶ Landing page
 - ▶ Client page
 - ▶ Work requirements
 - ▶ Community partners
 - ▶ Stakeholders

H.R. 1 landing page

- ▶ Consolidates current resources, webpages, and materials.

- ▶ hca.wa.gov/whats-changing-ah

The screenshot shows the Washington State Health Care Authority website. The header includes the logo, a search bar, and links for 'In a crisis?' and 'Login'. The main navigation bar lists 'Free or low-cost health care', 'Employee & retiree benefits', 'Billers, providers & partners', 'About HCA', and 'Contact'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Free or low-cost health care > What's changing with Apple Health (Medicaid)?'. The main heading is 'What's changing with Apple Health (Medicaid)?'. The introductory text states: 'Learn more about changes coming to Apple Health (Medicaid) due to H.R. 1, a new federal law passed by Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump. On this page you will find H.R. 1 webpages, resources, and information for Apple Health clients, assisters, and stakeholders.' Below this is a section titled 'On this page' with a list of links: 'About H.R. 1 and upcoming changes', 'For Apple Health clients', 'For those supporting Apple Health clients', 'For other Apple Health stakeholders', and 'H.R. 1 resources'.

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Changes coming to Apple Health

This page shares information on the recent federal changes to Medicaid (known as H.R. 1) that may impact your Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage. This page is for Apple Health clients. If you are a legislator, partner, or other stakeholders, [view our H.R. 1 impacts webpage](#).

On this page

[What this means for you](#)
[How to stay informed](#)
[Frequently asked questions](#)

Federal changes (known as H.R. 1) are coming to Apple Health (Medicaid) over the next few years, but there is nothing you need to do right now. These changes will roll out slowly, and many details are still being developed. We are sharing information now, so you know what to expect.

What this means for you

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is reviewing how these changes will affect Apple Health. Our top priority is to keep you updated and let you know if you need to take action to keep your coverage. We are committed to making any changes as easy as possible.

Changes will roll out over the next few years, and many details are still being developed. If changes to eligibility, coverage, or benefits are required, we will share that information clearly and early, so you know what to expect.

Expected changes

View the following table for examples of some expected federal changes that may affect your coverage.

Change	Start date
Changes to eligibility for refugee, asylee, and other noncitizen adults.	October 1, 2026
To remain eligible, people enrolled in Apple Health for Adults will be required to work, train, or do community engagement 80 hours per month (with some exceptions).	January 1, 2027

H.R. 1 for clients

- ▶ [Changes coming to Apple Health webpage](#)
- ▶ Client resource that shares H.R. 1’s impact on Apple Health eligibility.



Apple Health (Medicaid) work requirements

[Home](#) > [Free or low-cost health care](#) > [I need medical, dental, or vision care](#) > [Apple Health \(Medicaid\) work requirements](#)

Apple Health (Medicaid) work requirements

Learn more about work requirements coming to Apple Health (Medicaid) due to H.R. 1, a new federal law passed by Congress and signed into law by President Donald Trump.

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How to meet work requirements

Beginning January 1, 2027, individuals eligible for **Apple Health for Adults** will need to meet work requirements or have an exemption to stay on Apple Health (Medicaid).

You can meet work requirements by:

- Having at least \$580 monthly household income
- Working a minimum of 80 hours per month
- Enrolling in an education program at least half-time
- Participating in a work program for a minimum of 80 hours per month
- Participating in community service for a minimum of 80 hours per month
- Having a combination of work, education, work program, or volunteering that total at least 80 hours per month

If you do not meet one of these work requirement activities, you may be eligible for an exemption or current month exclusion.

Work requirement activities

There are several ways to meet work requirements, including having minimum income, participating in an education program, working, participating in a work program or community service or a combination of all activities.

[Minimum monthly income](#)



[Working a minimum of 80 hours per month](#)



- ▶ Web page on work requirements
 - ▶ [Apple Health \(Medicaid\) work requirements](#)
- ▶ Provides detail about work requirements, exclusions, and exemptions

Community partners

- ▶ *Apple Health Community Connectors* meets monthly to share updates.
- ▶ Ambassador-style program for trusted community partners and stakeholders to share with Apple Health clients
- ▶ Register for a forum or view past material
 - ▶ hca.wa.gov/support-client-changes
- ▶ Next forums are August 18!

Supporting clients with changes to Apple Health

This page shares information for stakeholders to support Apple Health (Medicaid) clients preparing for and navigating upcoming changes to their health coverage.

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H.R. 1 Impacts stakeholder webinar

Join us for the first H.R. 1 Impact stakeholder webinar.

Date: February 26

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Register for the webinar [↗](#)

Stakeholder engagement webpage

H.R. 1 impacts

This page shares information on H.R. 1 implementation for legislators, partners, and other stakeholders. If you're an Apple Health client, view our [changes coming to Apple Health](#) webpage to learn how H.R. 1 may impact your coverage.

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HCA priorities

In recent months Congress passed, and the president signed into law, federal legislation that will deeply impact Medicaid (H.R. 1). Currently, the Medicaid program (which Washington calls **Apple Health**) provides free or low-cost health coverage for nearly **2 million** people across our state, including children, adults, pregnant individuals, those 65 years of age or older, and people with disabilities.

- ▶ Created for legislators, partners, and other stakeholders.
- ▶ View more information on the [H.R. 1 impacts](#) stakeholder webpage.



Stakeholder webinars

- ▶ HCA holds quarterly stakeholder webinars providing H.R.1 updates.
- ▶ 2026 H.R.1 webinar dates
 - ▶ February 26 | H.R.1 overview and work requirements | [view online](#)
 - ▶ June 4 | Impacts to noncitizen eligibility | [view online](#)
 - ▶ September 3
 - ▶ December 3
- ▶ Details are posted online
 - ▶ Stakeholder training and education | [Webinars, video, and presentations](#)

Apple Health Community Connectors

- ▶ Apple Health Community Connectors
 - ▶ Webpage updates coming: hca.wa.gov/support-client-changes
 - ▶ Forums currently scheduled through August. Registration is open.

August 18, 2026	Navigators/CACs/Volunteer assisters	Community members
Time	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Registration link	Register for meeting	Register for meeting

What this means for partners

- ▶ Earlier awareness of upcoming changes
- ▶ Fewer documentation requests for clients when verification is automated
- ▶ Clear guidance and outreach materials from Health Care Authority
- ▶ Ongoing opportunities for collaboration and feedback

Resources

Other materials

- ▶ HCA continues to develop materials to share information about the upcoming changes.
- ▶ Fact sheets: available for the noncitizen changes, work requirements, and retroactive coverage changes.
 - ▶ [H.R.1 noncitizen fact sheet](#) | [15 languages](#)
 - ▶ [H.R.1 work requirements and renewals fact sheet](#) | [15 languages](#)
 - ▶ [H.R.1 retroactive coverage fact sheet](#) | [15 languages](#)
- ▶ Toolkits: providing language, talking points, and approved messaging.
 - ▶ [H.R. 1 Communications Toolkit](#)
 - ▶ [H.R.1 social media toolkit](#)

Resources

▶ FAQ:

- ▶ [H.R.1 frequently asked questions](#)

▶ Stay connected with us:

- ▶ [Sign up for Apple Health updates](#)
 - ▶ Select Apple Health programs and eligibility “general information and updates”

▶ Questions?

- ▶ Email: [HCA Apple Health Eligibility Policy](#)



Questions