Public hearing: Medicaid Transformation Project waiver renewal

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Today’s presenters

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Agenda

- Medicaid overview
- Medicaid Transformation Project waiver renewal overview
- Deeper dive:
  - Goals
  - The programs continuing, expanding, or beginning
- Q&A
About Medicaid

- Medicaid is a federal health care program administered by each state.
- Apple Health is Washington State’s Medicaid program, which provides health coverage to about two million people.
- The federal government helps pay for the program and creates rules for how the program works.
- A state must apply for a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver when it wants to make changes from normal Medicaid guidelines.
  - Washington received this waiver in 2017, called the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP).
MTP renewal

We are pursuing an MTP waiver renewal to:

► Ensure equitable access to whole-person care, empowering people to achieve their optimal health and wellbeing in the setting of their choice.

► Build healthier, equitable communities, with communities.

► Pay for integrated health and equitable, value-based care.
MTP renewal goals

- Expand coverage and access to care, ensuring 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.
Deeper dive into Goal 1: expanding coverage and access to care, ensuring people can get the care they need
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- Continuous Apple Health enrollment for children up to age six
  Would allow all Medicaid-enrolled children in Washington with family incomes below 215 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to remain enrolled in Medicaid until age six.

- Re-entry coverage and services after incarceration
  Would restore Medicaid coverage for people leaving prison, jail, or another correctional facility up to 30 days prior to release. This would enable a smooth transition and ensure people can access critical care as soon as they are released.
Expanding coverage and access to care, ensuring people can get the care they need

- Expanded Apple Health coverage for people after a pregnancy ends
  - People who have been pregnant would remain eligible for Medicaid coverage until 12 months after their pregnancy ends, regardless of citizenship status.

- Supports for people receiving treatment in designated settings for a mental health or substance use disorder (SUD)
  - Would allow Washington State to use federal money for mental health and SUD treatment services in facilities defined as institutions for mental diseases (IMDs).
  - This is a continuing program with no changes from the current MTP waiver.
Deeper dive into Goal 2: advancing whole-person primary, preventive, and home- and community-based care
Advancing whole-person primary, preventive, and home- and community-based care

- Continuation of Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
  - LTSS supports Washington’s aging population and family caregivers who provide care for their loved ones.
  - Medicaid Alternative Care (MAC) and Tailored Supports for Older Adults (TSOA) programs would continue with no changes.

- New supports for people who use LTSS
  - Would allow the state to compensate legal guardians for individuals transitioning in or out of facilities.
  - Would allow presumptive eligibility for Medicaid LTSS benefits.
  - Would enable coordinated personal care services.
  - Would provide rental subsidies for certain people who use LTSS.
Advancing whole-person primary, preventive, and home- and community-based care

- Continued progress toward integrating physical and behavioral health
  - Implement standardized clinical integration assessment tool and technical assistance for providers.
  - This would allow providers, plans, and the state to understand the progress on integration thus far and identify opportunities for improvement.
Deeper dive into Goal 3:
accelerating care delivery and payment innovation
focused on health-related social needs
Meeting health-related social needs (HRSN)

Under the renewal, this work will be called “Taking Action for Healthier Communities” (TAHC) and will take on new strategies to build health supports beyond clinical care.

- Health-related services
- Health equity funding
- Community Hubs, Native Hub, and workforce

HCA will develop TAHC through partnerships:

- Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs)
- Managed care organizations (MCOs)
- Tribes
- Other partners
Keep proven programs that address HRSN

- Continue the Foundational Community Supports (FCS) program
  - FCS provides supportive housing and supported employment services to the state’s most vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries with complex care needs.
  - FCS does not pay for housing, wages, or wage enhancements.

- Propose two minor policies:
  - Under the renewal, FCS would pay for one-time transition costs (e.g., application fees and basic home goods) for certain enrollees.
  - The renewal would also expand FCS eligibility to people exiting a correctional facility and for people who are age 16 or older.
Increase the delivery of health-related services (HRS)

- Propose a set of HRS that address unmet health needs.
- Enhance “in-lieu of services” (ILOS) to make HRS delivery prevalent
  - ILOS are alternatives to clinical care proven to be medically appropriate and cost-effective (for example: removing carpet in the home of someone with asthma)
  - ILOS are offered and funded through MCOs now
  - Expand and formalize available ILOS to make access more available: housing, nutrition, and transportation
  - Funding through ILOS is a potential path to an increased level of sustained HRS
Develop health equity programs

- The positive results from the current MTP waiver are not reaching all communities.
- Propose specific funding for ACHs to develop health equity programs, with partnership from HCA and community input.
- These investments will be designed to support community-wide initiatives and needs.
- We will continue to develop the implementation details for these funds.
Proposing development and implementation of Community Hubs:
- Each ACH will oversee a regional Community Hub.
- Proposing a statewide Native Hub to improve coordination between IHCPs and other community organizations.

Hubs support community-based care coordination and delivery of HRS.

Hubs do not replicate clinical care coordination. They connect people with community-based (non-medical) resources to meet people’s needs.

Community workforce and payment strategies will be developed through Hub capacity building.
Hub functions

- **Identify and engage patients** who are likely to have multiple health and social needs.
- **Screen patients for SDOH needs** (as needed) and determine the appropriate organizations with the resources and knowledge to address those specific needs.
- **Establish and ensure network of community organizations** to help with capacity to deliver HRS and ILOS community services. This includes training support, retention support, and payment to community organizations to increase community-based workforce.
- **Connect patients** with these community organizations that can help address social needs within the community care coordination system.
- **Follow-up** to ensure patients are connected to services.
- **Track outcomes** of patients receiving community-based services.
Community-based workforce

Testing reimbursement of community-based workforce in pediatric primary care

- The Washington State Legislature authorized a pilot program to expand community health work services in pediatric primary care clinics.
- Legislation provides $2 million in state funding to support the pilot.
- Inclusion in the waiver allows the state to request federal match to increase the total funding for the pilot.
Summary of programs under the waiver renewal

- **Continuing:**
  - Substance use disorder IMD
  - Mental health IMD

- **Expanding:**
  - LTSS
  - FCS

- **Beginning:**
  - TAHC
  - Continuous Medicaid enrollment for children
  - Extending coverage for postpartum services
  - Re-entry coverage after incarceration
Reminders

- All programs and policies are subject to negotiations with and approval by CMS.
- Innovative programs and policies will need time for development.
- Not all services within new programs and policies will be available when the renewed waiver begins in 2023.
MTP renewal: key dates

- **2021**: development of concepts, engagement with key partners
- **Early 2022**: continue partner, Tribal, and community engagement; continue refinement of concepts
- **May 12–June 13, 2022**: formal public comment period and Tribal Consultation
- **Summer 2022**: consider comments and develop application to submit to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Share your feedback with us!

- When you hear about this renewal package...
  - Is there anything you’re excited about?
  - Is there anything that concerns you?
  - Is there anything you want to make sure we know?
- What is working well now that should be preserved?
- Any other feedback?
Public comment alternatives

Besides this public hearing, there are other ways to share feedback:

- Email us at medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov
- Fill out this online survey: https://bit.ly/3FZ5Rz6
- Mail HCA at:
  
  Washington State Health Care Authority, Policy Division
  Regarding: MTP renewal public comment
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Resources

- Visit the MTP renewal webpage (hca.wa.gov/about-hca/medicaid-transformation-project-mtp/mtp-renewal) to view:
  - Draft application and appendices
  - Acronym glossary
  - Publications
    - About the MTP renewal (in multiple languages)
    - Snapshot (in multiple languages)
    - Evolution of Initiative 1
    - FAQ

- Sign up to receive announcements about MTP: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new
Thank you!

For questions, please email us at medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov