



## Community Health Plan of Washington To Offer Apple Health (Medicaid) Coverage in All Washington Counties

**SEATTLE – December 6, 2021** — [Community Health Plan of Washington \(CHPW\)](#), a Washington-based not-for-profit health insurance plan, announces that it will provide its Apple Health (Medicaid) plan, including free added [benefits](#), to eligible Washingtonians in every county of the state beginning January 1, 2022.

CHPW was approved by Washington’s Health Care Authority (HCA) to offer coverage for the physical, behavioral, and social needs for eligible Washingtonians in the Thurston-Mason and Great Rivers regions (Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Lewis and Cowlitz counties). CHPW is already available in all other Washington State counties.

“We are thrilled to be able to serve everyone who qualifies for Medicaid coverage across the state of Washington and provide access to whole person, high-quality care,” said Leanne Berge, CEO of Community Health Plan of Washington and Community Health Network of Washington, its parent company. “Whether folks are seeking medical or behavioral health services, or social services’ support, we are here to listen to them and help them get the care they need.”

In addition to CHPW’s service of all 39 counties across the state for Apple Health (Medicaid)-eligible people in 2022, CHPW also offers Medicare Advantage plans in 27 Washington counties, including plans for those who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. Additionally, CHPW supports its parent company, Community Health Network of Washington, in providing coverage on the health exchange through Cascade Select in 18 counties, beginning in 2022, for those individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare.

Washingtonians can learn more about becoming a member with Community Health Plan of Washington at [chpw.org/gettingstarted](http://chpw.org/gettingstarted).

“CHPW is pleased to be serving these Washington western counties for Apple Health (Medicaid) and is working very closely with our community partners, including our Community Health Centers, behavioral health and specialty providers, and other local service organizations so that all new enrollees are welcomed and well-supported in 2022,” Berge continued.

To learn more about CHPW’s Apple Health Plans visit, [chpw.org](http://chpw.org)

### **About CHPW**

Founded in 1992 by a network of federally-qualified community health centers (CHCs) in Washington State, Community Health Plan of Washington is a community-governed, not-for-profit health plan formed to provide health care coverage, coordinate care and advocate for people who



were not being served by traditional insurance companies. The mission of CHPW is to deliver accessible managed care services that meet the needs and improve the health of Washington communities and to make managed care participation beneficial for community-responsive providers. CHPW serves approximately 260,000 members through Medicaid (income-based program called Apple Health in WA) and Medicare (age and disability-based program) across the State. CHPW's aim is to advance health equity and improve the lives of the people it serves by addressing the barriers to health and well-being. Its parent, Community Health Network of Washington, through its 20 CHCs and 160 clinics serves nearly one million individuals in communities across the State, providing primary care, behavioral health services, dental and a wide-range of additional social support services. To learn more, visit [chpw.org](http://chpw.org) or connect on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#).

#### About the Health Care Authority

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is committed to whole-person care, integrating physical health and behavioral health services for better results and healthier residents.

HCA purchases health care for more than 2.5 million Washington residents through Apple Health (Medicaid), the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program, the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) Program, and the COFA Islander Health Care Program. As the largest health care purchaser in the state, we lead the effort to transform health care, helping ensure Washington residents have access to better health and better care at a lower cost.

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