



## Community Health Plan of Washington Named One of Three Organizations to Offer Washington State Cascade Select Plans in 2023

Individuals and families in 20 counties will have more affordable, high-quality health care options

**SEATTLE – September 7, 2022** – The [Washington State Health Care Authority](#) (HCA) has named [Community Health Plan of Washington \(CHPW\)](#), the Washington-headquartered managed care plan, as one of three “apparently successful bidders” in the state to provide [Cascade Select](#) health plans for individuals and family health plans for the coming year. These plans are part of Washington’s first-ever public option designed to increase the availability of quality, affordable health care coverage in the individual market.

“At CHPW, we believe no one should have to decide between food on their table and paying for health care. That is why CHPW offers Cascade Select plans, which are designed to support individuals and families who do not meet the requirements for publicly funded health plans Medicaid (income-based program called Apple Health in Washington) and Medicare (age and disability-based program),” said Melissa Stevens, Vice-President of Community Engagement & Growth of Community Health Plan of Washington. “By offering Cascade Select plans as part of our suite of health care offerings, we continue to provide Washingtonians affordable access to whole person, high-quality care.”

Beginning January 1, 2023, CHPW will offer Cascade Select plans to individuals and families in 20 counties, including Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Mason, Okanogan, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, Walla Walla, Yakima, Spokane, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, and Whitman counties. Its Cascade Select plans offer low-cost options for local care and quality whole-person health benefits. These plans [cover more services](#) before meeting a deductible, including primary care visits, mental health services and generic drugs. Depending on income, there are also federal premium tax credits and cost-share reductions to lower premiums and out-of-pocket costs.

“Our award [of selecting CHPW to offer Cascade Select plans] is a reflection of all of the work that CHPW staff have done to make this program a success since this offering was first proposed in the WA State Legislature in 2019,” said The Washington State Health Care Authority. “This really is quite an achievement because this procurement was even more competitive than the initial RFP [request for proposal] in 2020. This time there were eight applicants and the total number of awardees was narrowed from five existing carriers to three announced as ASBs [apparently successful bidders] for 2023.”

The annual open enrollment period for 2023 coverage under Cascade Select plans will run from [November 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023](#) through the [Washington Health Plan Finder](#).

To learn more about CHPW, visit [chpw.org](#).

### **About CHPW**

Founded in 1992 by a network of community health centers (CHCs) in Washington State, Community Health Plan of Washington is a community-governed, not-for-profit health plan formed to help 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 280,000 members through Medicaid (income-based program called Apple Health in WA) and Medicare (age and disability-based program) across the State. CHPW connects members to various physical, behavioral and social support services, and reinvests surpluses back into the community to help advance health equity and improve access to high quality care for all people. Its parent, Community Health Network of Washington, serves nearly one million individuals across Washington through its member federally qualified community health centers across the State of Washington, and now offers Individual & Family Plans on the Washington health exchange. To learn more, visit [chpw.org](http://chpw.org) or connect on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

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