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**Community Health Plan of Washington Offering Medicaid Coverage in
Three New Washington Counties Beginning in July 2021**

Beginning, July 1, 2021 Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) is returning as a Medicaid (Apple Health) health plan in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties of Washington. CHPW, Washington's only local not-for-profit Medicaid managed care plan, has been named a successful bidder by the Health Care Authority (HCA) to offer care for the physical, behavioral, and social needs for Medicaid-eligible Washingtonians in these regions.

The HCA released a Request for Proposal in April 2020 to potentially increase the number of Managed Care Organizations (MCO) offering Medicaid (Apple Health) in these counties to expand choice for and improve services. The newly awarded counties bring CHPW's total Medicaid service area to 32 of 39 counties across the state. CHPW currently provides coverage to nearly to 260,000 Washingtonians through its Medicaid and Medicare programs.

"We are grateful for this opportunity to work with our providers and community partners to provide whole-person and accessible health care to people in these counties," said Leanne Berge, Chief of Community Health Plan of Washington/Community Health Network of Washington. "We are especially proud of our demonstrated commitment to providing integrated physical and behavioral health services in this region so our members can address all of their health issues seamlessly. "

In the letter from the HCA to CHPW announcing the successful award, the agency stated, "The addition of CHPW to Salish would advance HCA's goals of 'improved quality of care and service,' due to CHPW's demonstrated history of addressing the needs of underserved populations and demonstrated commitment to health equity, value-based payment arrangements, and clinical integration."

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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 and Medicare across the State of Washington. 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 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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