3 things to know about upcoming changes to Apple Health (Medicaid)

The federal government is introducing new Medicaid eligibility rules and immigrant coverage changes.

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1 Work requirements (starting January 2027)

Apple Health for Adults members (ages 19–64) must meet a work requirement unless they qualify for an exemption. You can meet this requirement in any of the following ways:

- Completing at least 80 hours a month of work, community service, or a work program
- Enrolling in an educational program at least half-time
- Combining the above activities to total at least 80 hours a month
- Having a monthly household income of at least $580

Work requirements or an exemption must be met in the month before applying, or in any of the six months before renewing coverage. This change does not apply to any other Apple Health programs, including for children, pregnancy services, or long-term care services.

2 Renew every 6 months (starting January 2027)

Apple Health for Adults members will need to renew their coverage **every 6 months** instead of 12 months.

This change also only applies to Apple Health for Adults.

What you can do now

Update your contact information with both **washingtonhealthplanfinder.org** and **CHPW** so you don't miss important notices. We will be here to help every step of the way.

Questions?

Call us at **1-800-440-1561** (TTY: 711), 8 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3 Immigrant eligibility changes (starting October 1, 2026)

Some immigrants, including refugees and asylees, will no longer be eligible for federally funded Medicaid coverage. Full Apple Health coverage will be limited to:

- Green card holders who have met, or do not need to meet, the 5-year waiting period
- COFA migrants
- Cuban/Haitian entrants

Other Apple Health programs, such as Emergency Medical (AEM) for emergency services and Apple Health for Pregnant Individuals, will still be available no matter your immigration status, as long as you meet the programs' eligibility rules.

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