



Toolkit Guide: Apple Health (Medicaid) Federal Changes Toolkit

Key dates and changes, how to use this toolkit, and what's included

As a health care provider or community partner, you play a vital role in helping people connect to the resources and health insurance coverage they need to access care. With upcoming federal changes to Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility and renewal requirements, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) is here to keep you informed and prepared so you can confidently support your staff and the people you serve.

Our **Apple Health (Medicaid) Federal Changes Toolkit** is a resource to help guide providers, navigators, and community organizations through upcoming Apple Health (Medicaid) changes as a result of the H.R. 1 legislation. As new information and guidance is confirmed, we will continue to add materials to this toolkit and provide updates.

Background

House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) is a federal law passed by Congress in 2025 that adds new eligibility and renewal requirements for people enrolled in Medicaid, known as Apple Health in Washington state. Enrollees impacted, who don't receive or act on renewal notices, risk losing coverage, even if they still qualify.

Key dates and changes

Oct. 1, 2026	• Start of immigrant and non-U.S. citizen eligibility changes.
Jan. 1, 2027	• Start of work requirements, and 6-month renewal cycles for people on Apple Health for Adults only (some exceptions). • Backdated coverage shortened from 3 months to 1 month for Apple Health for Adults and 2 months for all other Apple Health Programs.

How to use this toolkit

Many of our community members may feel worried about losing coverage and unsure what to do. Use these educational materials and social assets to share information with your patients, clients, staff, and community partners who support people enrolled in Apple Health. Together, we can be a trusted resource and help as many people as possible stay covered and access needed care.

Important: Federal and state implementation guidance continues to evolve. Information in this toolkit reflects guidance available at the time of publication and may be updated as additional details become available. Please refer to the [Washington State Health Care Authority](#) for the most current information.

What's in the toolkit

Educational materials

- **Resource – FAQs for Providers and Community Partners**
Key details to answer questions from your Apple Health enrolled patients or clients.
- **Infographic – Quick Guide to Apple Health Plans**
Quick guide to eligibility and coverage that explains key Apple Health programs.
- **Staff Flyer – 3 Three Things to Know to Help Patients and Clients**
Overview of top things to know and do to help Apple Health enrollees stay covered.
- **Public Flyer – 3 Three Things to Know about upcoming Medicaid Changes**
Overview of top things to know and one thing to do for Apple Health members.
- **Blog Article – Upcoming changes to Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility for immigrants: What you need to know**
We published an educational article covering the Noncitizen Eligibility changes effective October 1, 2026 on [connections.chpw.org](#) which is also available [in Spanish](#) and other languages.

Examples of communication from Washington state

- **HCA letter to non-US citizens (sent the week of July 6)**
This notice is sent by the Washington Health Care Authority either to a mailing address or email address to possibly impacted Apple Health (Medicaid).
- **DSHS letter to non-US citizens (sent the week of July 6)**
This notice is sent by Washington Department of Social & Health Services either to a mailing address or email address to possibly impacted Apple Health (Medicaid) members.

These notices were included in a recent **HCA H.R.1 Toolkit** with additional information on next steps prior to the Oct. 1 changes. The state will send out notices in August with additional information to non-US citizens, we will share those notices as soon as we are able.

Social media assets

Suggested copy for use now

- **“Ask for help” call to action:** Include your support team’s contact information to show who can help with Apple Health renewals or share the following about the CHPW Team: *The local and friendly CHPW Renewal Team can help individuals review their health plan options and understand eligibility changes. Call 1-833-960-1530 (English) or 1-833-960-1529 (Spanish) (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

Coming soon

We’ll continue adding **educational materials** and **social media assets** (images and messaging) to this toolkit as they become available. Watch your email for ongoing updates about new and updated materials.

Contact us

If you have questions as a provider or a community partner, please contact outreach@chpw.org