

Washington State
Health Care Authority

Improving Outcomes for
Individuals Releasing from
Correctional Facilities

New Adult Group

Effective January 1, 2014, Medicaid will expand:

- For individuals age 19 up to 65, previously not eligible for a Medicaid program
- Income below 138% FPL
- Not entitled to Medicare
- Not incarcerated

Medicaid Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Changes under the ACA

Not Changing in 2014

Income

Citizenship/Immigration

Household Composition

Social Security Numbers (SSN)

Change of Circumstances

Retroactive Coverage

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Residency

Resource/Asset Limits

Incarceration and FFP for Inpatient

Incarceration

Rules around incarceration did not change.

While an individual is placed in a city, county, or state institution, they are not eligible for Medicaid coverage. Individuals can be Medicaid eligible while residing in an institution if they become inpatient in a medical facility (admitted for over 24 hours).

Correctional facilities can be certified by HCA to make Medicaid application for inmates admitted to a hospital for inpatient medical services. The certification process includes a training requirement, background check, and signing a MOU attesting to follow a specific process.

Applying for an Inmate

A Signed MOU Allows Tribes to Apply Prior to Release

- For releasing inmates eligibility determinations can be made up to 30 days prior to release
- Inpatient stays can be paid by Medicaid provided:
 - The medical facility considers the stay inpatient
 - The applicant is Medicaid eligible
 - The facility has a signed MOU with HCA
- The ability to certify Medicaid prior to release can also be used to access treatment services in lieu of staying in a jail

The MOU clarifies these points:

- Applications cannot be made prior to 30 days from release
- Allows tribes to use of a streamline application
- Allows tribes to make application for inpatient stays
- Training and support is available through HCA
- The facility must store or retain the application for 7 years

CSC Referral List

HCA Medical Assistance Customer Service Center (MACSC)	HBE Washington Healthplanfinder Customer Support Center (HBE CSC)	DSHS Community Services Division Customer Service Contact Center (CSCC)	HCA Medical Eligibility Determination Services (MEDS)
1-800-562-3022 or https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/p1contactus/	1-855-923-4633	1-877-501-2233	1-855-623-9357 or AskMAGI@hca.wa.gov
ProviderOne Client Services Card inquiries	Apply or renew for health care coverage	Apply for Food or Child Care assistance	Washington Apple Health MAGI Medicaid eligibility questions
Provider billing and claims questions	HIPTC/QHP/SHOP questions	Apply for Cash assistance (including TANF, ABD, etc.)	Post-Eligibility Case Review questions
Healthy Options enrollment and disenrollment	Locate an HBE In-person Assister	Apply for Classic Medicaid programs	Washington Apple Health for Kids premium payment questions
ProviderOne Benefit Services Package questions	Request an appeal for HIPTC/QHP programs (denials/terminations)	Request an appeal for Classic Medicaid, Cash, Food, or Child Care assistance (denials/terminations)	Request an appeal for Washington Apple Health programs (denials/terminations)

Resources

HCA Medicaid Expansion 2014

www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me

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WA Health Benefit Exchange

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Final Questions

