

## Apple Health Medicaid Advisory Committee

(formerly the Title XIX Advisory Committee)


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### Committee Members:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Busz, Andrew (WSHA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johnson, Laura (UnitedHealthcare)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shepard, Jeb (WSMA)
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### Stakeholders, HCA Staff & Guests:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campbell, Kodi (HCA, notes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clay, Maggie (HCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Huynh, Quyen (HCA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Johnson, Lauren (WSDA for Emily Lovell)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kramer, Karin (HCA)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

#	Agenda Items	Time	Lead	Notes/Handouts
1.	Roll call	9:00am (5 min)	Bob Marsalli	
2.	Approval of April 29 Minutes	9:05am (5 min)	Bob Marsalli	Minutes approved
3.	Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwind update	9:10am (20 min)	Maggie Clay	 PHE slides.pdf

- The Health Care Authority (HCA) & the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) took steps to ensure individuals maintained Apple Health coverage through the pandemic unless they requested closure, were no longer a WA resident, failed to meet citizenship or immigration criteria, or passed away.
- HHS provides states with 60 days' noticed prior to the PHE ending. We anticipate that the PHE will be extended into October.
- Guidance for redetermining client eligibility continues to be released from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- The Office of Medicaid Eligibility Policy (OMEP) at HCA is in the final planning stages for a successful PHE unwind plan, to include:
  - Gradual redetermination of most clients' eligibility over 12 months;
  - Finalization of communication plans including media and print ads;
  - Implementing innovative methods to reaching clients post PHE.
- External PHE Guide: <https://hca.wa.gov/phe>
- Exiting the PHE – what we know:
  - Clients receiving coverage through Healthplanfinder may be auto-renewed for a full year.
  - Premium collection for Apple Health for Kids with Premiums and Healthcare for Workers with Disabilities resumes the first month after the quarter the PHE expires.
  - HCA and DSHS will return to most pre-PHE verification and procedures when the PHE ends, though some eligibility flexibilities may remain.
  - Terminations take effect no earlier than the end of the month after the PHE ends.

- To ensure Apple Health clients are informed of the changes, some of our action items include:
  - Send a postcard to clients to ensure we have their current contact information;
  - Spread out redeterminations of eligibility over a year;
  - Develop a comprehensive Apple Health communications toolkit;
  - Implement a text message campaign around renewal reminders;
  - Work with the Health Benefits Exchange (HBE) and common Apple Health carriers to ensure clients who leave Apple Health at the end of the PHE can take advantage of qualified health plan savings; and
  - Ensure continuity of care for all clients.
- Apple Health Community Connectors Ambassador Program. This is a volunteer effort designed to raise awareness around actions that need to be taken by clients to maintain coverage at the end of the PHE by sharing culturally and linguistically competent messaging to clients and community partners. If you're interested in participating, please contact [AHeligCovid19@hca.wa.gov](mailto:AHeligCovid19@hca.wa.gov).
- Timeline overview:



**Note:** The timeframe is subject to change in the event of another PHE renewal or if the requirements outlined in the CMS SHO# 20-004 and 21-002 are modified or relative state/federal legislation passes.

- [End of PHE Communications Toolkit](#)
- [End of PHE Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [External Guide to Washington Apple Health \(Medicaid\) Post-PHE](#)
- Questions? Contact [Rebecca.Janeczko@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Janeczko@hca.wa.gov) or [Shaunie.McLeod@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Shaunie.McLeod@hca.wa.gov)

4.	MTP Waiver Update	9:30am (10 min)	Charissa Fotinos	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received over 200 public comments, sorting through that information now to group together thematically. Most of the comments have been positive.</li> <li>We hope to submit the renewal application in mid-July. We'll post updated information on our website.</li> </ul>				
5.	Abortion Access Decision and Apple Health	9:40am (10 min)	Charissa Fotinos	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Supreme Court released their decision that Roe v Wade will be overturned and will result in a number of states immediately restricting or eliminating abortion access, except in the most extreme cases of maternal health.</li> <li>Governor Inslee has made it clear that Washington will continue to support abortion access specifically related to Apple Health.</li> <li>We anticipate folks may be looking to seek care from other states in Washington. If folks apply for Medicaid with the intent they are going to live here, they are eligible for Medicaid. If they want to come here and leave, there is the ability to access NW abortion access fund.</li> <li>From the Washington standpoint, nothing is different than it is now.</li> <li><a href="#">Abortion   Washington State Department of Health</a></li> <li><a href="#">West Coast States Launch New Multi-State Commitment to Reproductive Freedom, Standing United on Protecting Abortion Access in face of U.S. Supreme Court Decision on Roe vs. Wade   Governor Jay Inslee</a></li> </ul>				
6.	Bylaws update vote re: membership categories	9:50am (10 min)	Kodi Campbell	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to insert inclusive language regarding the different categories to ensure each category has a “reasonable and equitable number of representatives from each of the groups.” <b>Approved</b></li> <li>• Proposal to create more general and inclusive language regarding types of participants and abolish category two as the terminology for types of participants is outdated. <b>Approved</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION:</b> finalize bylaws with approved changes, post on website and send to committee members.</li> </ul>			
7.	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting: October 28, 9-11am</li> <li>• Agenda items for next meeting</li> </ul>	10:00am <i>(5 min)</i>	Charissa Fotinos	

Meeting adjourned 10:05 am

