



Medicaid Suspension Funding Opportunities

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Background

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Medicaid Suspension

SSB6430, the Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) Suspension bill directs Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Division of Behavioral and Health Recovery (DBHR) to create a training on funding opportunities for criminal justices entities.

For additional information on Behavioral Health Recovery visit:
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/programs-and-services/behavioral-health-and-recovery>

Funding Opportunities

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Different funding opportunities exist to serve inmate and former inmate populations:

- Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)
- Jail Services
- Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA)
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Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)

Medicaid Administrative Claiming

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) is a program available to governmental entities that interact with individuals who are, or may be, eligible for Washington Apple Health.

Partial reimbursement is available for the time spent helping individuals:

- Apply for Apple Health including renewals
- Explaining the Apple Health program
- Helping individuals access Apple Health services

Medicaid Administrative Claiming

A Cost Allocation Plan must be developed and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This plan describes how the program is administered and ensures federal funds are monitored and distributed appropriately.

For more information on existing MAC programs, click on the links below:

- [King County Superior Court Juvenile Probation Services](#)
- [Local Health Jurisdictions](#)
- [Public School Districts](#)
- [Washington State Federally Recognized Tribes](#)

Medicaid Administrative Claiming

City and county jail facilities are encouraged to consider MAC for funding opportunities.

Requirements to participate in the MAC program:

- Be a governmental entity.
- Be contracted with the Health Care Authority.
- Participate in a time study designed to identify the percent of time spent performing the Medicaid administrative activities.

For additional information: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/programs-and-services/medicaid-administrative-claiming-mac>

Jail Services

What Are Jail Services?

Jail Services or Jail Transition Services are state-funded services for individuals with mental health needs administered by the Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO) and Administrative Services Organizations (ASO).

These services are intended to facilitate access to programs that offer mental health services upon release from confinement.

This funding allows city and county jail populations to potentially influence recidivism rates through providing services for court-involved individuals with mental health needs.

What Are Jail Services ?

Jail-based services are intended to link individuals with appropriate community services to increase the likelihood of a successful re-entry into the community.

BHOs/ASOs often contract with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to provide mental health treatment services.

What Are Jail Services ?

Some common activities that the BHO/ASO can provide are:

- Evaluations for mental health and/or substance abuse treatment
- Assistance with the Apple Health application process
- Pre-release services and case management
- Post-release outreach and case management
- Coordinate access to primary care, housing, employment, education, and job training

How Do I Access These Services?

Each BHO/ASO region will have a different process to access these services.

In some areas these services are contracted out to providers so what is happening in one area may be different than a neighboring county.

If your facility is not engaged with your local BHO/ASO, please refer to the resource list in this presentation for a point of contact in your area.

Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA)

Criminal Justice Treatment Account

The Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) was created in 2002 to increase the use of effective substance abuse treatment for defendants and offenders in Washington.

It uses state and local resources to reduce recidivism and increase the chances that defendants and offenders will become productive and successful in the community.

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) manages the CJTA program.

Criminal Justice Treatment Account

CJTA is a state funded account and the money can be spent on the following:

- Substance abuse treatment and treatment support services for offenders with an addiction or a substance abuse problem
- Drug and alcohol treatment and support services within a drug court program

For more information see: [RCW 71.24.580](#)

Eligibility Requirements

The minimum requirements for an individual to receive CJTA services are:

- The individual would benefit from substance use disorder treatment
- The individual has not previously been convicted of a serious offense, violent offense or sex offense
- The individual is not currently charged with or convicted of an offense that involved a firearm, caused substantial bodily harm or death to another person

Behavioral Health Organization Contacts

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Great Rivers BHO Contacts: Marc Bollinger	Counties Served: Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum Telephone: 1-360-795-3118 or 1-360-795-3126 Email: MBollinger@greatriversbho.org
Greater Columbia BHO Contacts: Troy Wilson Karen Richardson	Counties Served: Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Kittitas, Klickitat, Walla Walla, Whitman, Yakima Telephone: 1-509-735-8681 or 1-509-783-4165 Email: troyw@gcbh.org karenr@gcbh.org
King County BHO Contacts: Kelli Nomura	Counties Served: King Telephone: 1-206-263-8087 or 1-206-296-0583 Email: Kelli.Nomura@kingcounty.gov
North Central BHO Contacts: Tamara Cardwell-Burns	Counties Served: Chelan, Douglas, Grant Telephone: 1-509-886-6318 or 1-509-886-6320 Email: tcardwell-burns@ncwbh.org

* This information is subject to change

North Sound BHO Contacts: Joe Valentine Bill Whitlock	Counties Served:	Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom
	Telephone:	1-360-416-7013 or 1-800-684-3555
	Email:	Joe Valenne@northsoundbho.org bill whitlock@northsoundbho.org
OptumHealth-Pierce County BHO Contacts: Beatrice Dixon	Counties Served:	Pierce
	Telephone:	1-253-292-4203 or 1-253-292-4190
	Email:	Bea.dixon@optum.com
Salish BHO Contacts: Anders Edgerton	Counties Served:	Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap
	Telephone:	360-337-4886 or 360-337-4829
	Email:	aedgerton@co.kitsap.wa.us
Spokane County Regional BHO Contacts: Kathleen Torella Tonya Stern	Counties Served:	Adams, Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens
	Telephone:	509-477-5722, Fax: 509-477-6827
	Email:	ktorella@spokanecounty.org tstern@spokanecounty.org
Thurston-Mason BHO Contacts: Mark Freedman Joe Avalos	Counties Served:	Mason, Thurston
	Telephone:	1-360-867-2558 or 1-360-867-2562
	Email:	Mark.Freedman@tmbho.org joe.avalos@tmbho.org

For more information: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/bho-contacts-for-services.pdf>

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By state law, counties with populations more than 800,000 individuals and cities with populations more than 30,000 can elect to use 1/10th of 1% of every tax dollar for treatment services.

This tax dollar goes towards the operation and delivery of chemical dependency, mental health, and therapeutic court programs and services.

For more information see [RCW 82.14.460](#)

1/10th of 1%

Covered services under these funds can include components of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program and services including but not limited to:

- Treatment services
- Case management
- Transportation
- Housing

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For more information about revenues in your area, visit <https://dor.wa.gov/node/165193>

If your area is not currently participating in the program and a facility is interested, contact your county commissioner.

Snohomish County

Snohomish

Snohomish is an example of a county using available resources to improve health and safety in their community.

Their program started in 2010 and it expanded from one person to a full treatment program.

It provides the opportunity to connect individuals who are released from jail with a provider for continuity of care.

Snohomish

The following are some of the steps and achievements that Snohomish took to develop their program:

- In 2009, 1/10 of 1% tax passed which funded a position to assist in enrolling Medicaid and educate individuals on the benefit of having coverage and how to enroll.
- The new position allowed them to work with the 5 Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) to identify the higher needs individuals who would be utilizing MCO's services.
- Established relationships with providers in the community who are willing to serve individuals when they are released.

Challenges

The following can occur:

- Not knowing the actual release date of the inmate.
- The individual has additional charges and may end up being transferred to another facility.
- Medicaid does not cover Medical Assistance Treatment (MAT) in jail because they are in an institution.

For additional information about Snohomish County's project, visit:
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/3687/About-the-Opioid-Project>

Resources

Additional Resource Information

- **HCA Training & Education Resources**

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/stakeholder-training-and-education>

- **Volunteer Assister**

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/apple-health-medicaid-coverage/community-based-training>

- **Medicaid Suspension Webpage**

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/apple-health-medicaid/medicaid-suspension>

- **Behavioral Health Recovery**

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/programs-and-services/behavioral-health-and-recovery>

- **Healthier Washington**

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington>

Contact Us

Do you have
questions or
would you like to
get involved?

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[Webpage](#)

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