

2024 Legislative session recap

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2024 session

2024 Legislative priorities

Ensuring and expanding access

Behavioral health investments

Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) renewal

Investing in clinical quality

Advancing equity

Enhancing maternal services

Rates, benefits, and operations



2024 session by the numbers



Policy bills

HCA Request Legislation

▶ **EHB 2088 – Crisis Worker Liability Protection**

- ▶ Provides civil liability protection to persons engaged in the behavioral health crisis care services through the 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response System.

▶ **SB 6094 – PEBB Subsidy Alignment**

- ▶ Aligns state code with budget language for Medicare supplement plan state subsidies.

Behavioral health

- ▶ **E2SSB 6251** – Adjusts the structure of the 988 Behavioral Health Crisis Response System, including direction for BH-ASOs to recommend 988 contact hub contractors.
- ▶ **2SHB 1929** – Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment.
- ▶ **SSB 5920** – Lifting certificate of need requirements for psychiatric hospitals and beds.
- ▶ **SSB 6099** – Creates the tribal opioid prevention and treatment account.

Behavioral health cont'd

- ▶ **E2SHB 2247** – Changes licensing requirements, practice settings, and reimbursement requirements for various behavioral health professions.
- ▶ **SSB 5588** – Concerning the mental health sentencing alternative.
- ▶ **E2SSB 5853** – Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors.
- ▶ **2SSB 5660** – Establishing a mental health advance directive effective implementation work group.

Apple Health (Medicaid)

- ▶ **2E2SSB 5580** – Improving maternal health outcomes.
 - ▶ Apple Health Coverage for Pregnant and Postpartum Persons
 - ▶ Post-delivery and Transitional Care Program
 - ▶ Maternity Support Services Program
- ▶ **2SHB 1941** – Providing for health home services for Medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions.

2SSB 6228 – SUD treatment

- ▶ Requires health plans to authorize at least 14 days of inpatient or residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment
- ▶ Directs HCA and OIC to partner on recommendations to standardize prior authorization requirements for residential SUD treatment.
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Workgroup + recommendations
- ▶ Feasibility Study
- ▶ Gap Analysis

2SHB 1877 – Tribal behavioral health

- ▶ Allows tribes to seek reimbursement from HCA for judicial costs of civil commitment proceedings.
- ▶ Allows HCA to make grants or purchase services from tribes for community behavioral health programs.
- ▶ HCA to develop guidelines for culturally appropriate evaluations of American Indians and Alaska Natives and consult with tribal governments on DCR protocols.

2ESSB 1508

- ▶ Adjusts the structure of the Health Care Cost Transparency Board's (HCCTB) stakeholder advisory committee and directs new work of the HCCTB.
- ▶ Required public hearing for entities subject to benchmark
- ▶ New requirements:
 - ▶ Underinsurance Survey
 - ▶ Survey of Insurance Trends
- ▶ Changes annual report date from Aug 1 to Dec 1

Miscellaneous bills

- ▶ **E2SSB 5213** – Modifies and strengthens regulatory requirements for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), including those PBMs utilized by our state purchased programs.
- ▶ **SHB 1979** - Requires health plans (including PEBB+SEBB) to cap the out-of-pocket cost of 30-day supply of inhalers / epinephrine autoinjectors at \$35 starting Jan 1st 2025.
- ▶ **HB 2481** – Waiving health benefit premiums in the public employees' benefits board

Miscellaneous bills

- ▶ **SSB 5986** – Protecting consumers from out-of-network health care services charges.
- ▶ **ESHB 1957** – Preserving coverage of preventive services without cost sharing.
- ▶ **SB 5821** – Establishes a standard of audio-only telemedicine services.
- ▶ **2E2SSHB 1541** – Establishing the nothing about us without us act.
- ▶ Sexual Health
 - ▶ **ESSB 6127** – HIV prophylaxis
 - ▶ **ESSB 5983** – Syphilis

Failed bills

- ▶ **ESB 5241 (Keep Our Care Act)** – Concerning material changes to the operations and governance structure of participants in the health care marketplace.
- ▶ **HB 2476** – Creating a covered lives assessment professional services rate account.
- ▶ **HB 2066** – Addressing affordability through health care provider contracting.

Budget

MTP 2.0

- ▶ Community Information Exchange (CIE)
- ▶ Continuous Eligibility (0-6)
- ▶ Re-entry supports
 - ▶ **Required coordination** with DOC, tribes, other state agencies, and jail administrations
 - ▶ **Prerelease services** for all Medicaid-eligible individuals within 90 days of release from a state prison, jail, or youth correctional facility (pretrial or post-conviction).
 - ▶ **HCA to define a pre-release care management model by March 31** for inclusion in the Implementation Plan submission to CMS, though the details of implementation may evolve over time.

Behavioral Health investments

- ▶ Opioid Prevention Vending Machines
- ▶ Contract for 5 Street Medicine Teams
- ▶ Bridge funding for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- ▶ Increased access to long-acting injectable buprenorphine
- ▶ Community Health Worker Grants

Behavioral Health investments cont.

- ▶ Addiction medicine training
- ▶ DSHS Essential Health Worker Trust
- ▶ Behavioral health comparison rate project

Behavioral Health – Olympic Heritage

- ▶ 40 beds
- ▶ August 2024 – Provider survey to OFM
- ▶ April 1 2025 – Contracted providers in place to deliver services

Rate increases

▶ **Tribal Encounter Rates**

- ▶ HCA to implement tribal encounter rates as part of the new pharmacy point-of-sale system.

▶ **Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)**

- ▶ Increase the NEMT broker admin rates.

▶ **Inpatient Per Diem Rates**

- ▶ Increase inpatient per diem rates for inpatient PPS hospitals by July 1, 2024.

▶ **Private Duty Nurses**

- ▶ Increase rates for private duty nursing, home health, and medically intensive children's group home program services.

▶ **SUPP Rates Review**

- ▶ Review rates for SUPP program to determine if a rebasing is appropriate and submit a budget request if necessary.

Grants & pilot programs

- ▶ Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CBHCs)
- ▶ Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
- ▶ Island County Grant
- ▶ Pilot projects:
 - ▶ Rapid Methadone Induction Pilot
 - ▶ Health Engagement Hub Pilots

IT investments

▶ **Community Information Exchange (CIE)**

- ▶ HHS Coalition
- ▶ Examine existing platforms, interoperability, and fiscal impacts.
- ▶ Will serve as a tool for addressing social determinants of health.

▶ **Electronic Health Records (EHR)**

- ▶ EHR interagency agreement with HCA who is, and will be, the reporting entity to the federal government on the application for and use of the federal funding

Tribal

- ▶ Create Tribal Opioid Task force
- ▶ Administer grants to tribes to implement the Icelandic Model of Prevention
- ▶ Distribute funds for Tribal Opioid prevention Campaign
- ▶ Tribal Fentanyl Summit

Miscellaneous

- ▶ Apple Health Expansion (Immigrant health Coverage) Investments
- ▶ PEBB/SEBB
 - ▶ Program staff resources
 - ▶ Study consolidation

Looking ahead

- ▶ Apple Health Expansion (July 1)
- ▶ Olympic Heritage
- ▶ BH comparison study
- ▶ HCCTB updated analyses
- ▶ 2 new GME programs
- ▶ PEBB/SEBB consolidation study
- ▶ Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- ▶ Reentry & MTP 2.0



Questions

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