

# Medicaid Administrative Claiming program for LHJs

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## HCA partners with CMS to reduce COVID-19 barriers for local health jurisdictions

HCA has made changes to the [Medicaid Administrative Claiming \(MAC\) program for local health jurisdictions \(LHJ\)](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes are in partnership with the Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and LHJs. These changes include:

- CMS approval for changes to the LHJ MAC Cost Allocation Plan to better capture staff activity and expenses associated with the COVID-19 response
- CMS approval to allow increased response time for MAC Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) participants
- Expedited development and deployment of a COVID-19 Program Guide for MAC participants
- Guidance on how to properly invoice costs of non-RMTS staff working on local responses to COVID-19

MAC is a program available for governmental entities that interact with individuals who are, or may be, eligible for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid). Partial reimbursement is available for the time that governmental entities spend helping individuals:

- Apply for Apple Health (Medicaid), including renewals
- Explaining the Apple Health (Medicaid) program
- Helping individuals access Apple Health (Medicaid) services