

# Apple Health Expansion August 2024 community feedback meeting

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Background

On August 26, 2024, the Health Care Authority (HCA) hosted a community feedback meeting to gather input on the short-term enrollment management policy for Apple Health Expansion. Below are the questions and answers highlighted during the community feedback meeting.

To stay informed about Apple Health Expansion enrollment updates, view the [enrollment announcement](#).

Watch the [webinar recording](#) or view [presentation slides](#) (available in [9 languages](#)).

### Will option two in the slide deck be limited to income and immigration status for individuals?

To be eligible for Apple Health Expansion, regardless of which option is chosen, an individual must meet income and immigration requirements along with all other eligibility factors. Refer to the [presentation slide deck](#) to view option two.

### If an individual did not sign up for a qualified health plan (QHP), will they still be eligible for Apple Health Expansion?

Yes, an individual will still be eligible for Apple Health Expansion even if they did not sign up for a QHP because eligibility for the program is not dependent on their enrollment into a QHP plan. People who apply for Apple Health Expansion and are denied due to the enrollment limit may choose to purchase a Cascade Care QHP plan.

### Can individuals still apply for Apple Health Expansion even though the enrollment limit has been met?

Yes. We encourage individuals to still apply for Apple Health Expansion even though the enrollment limit has been met. Individuals denied due to the enrollment limit will be part of the applications to be randomly selected as spots become available within the program.

Even though Apple Health Expansion has met the enrollment limit there are still options for individuals to apply for health coverage! View options at [hca.wa.gov/apple-health-non-citizens](https://hca.wa.gov/apple-health-non-citizens).

### How many people are currently covered in Apple Health Expansion and how many are enrolled per county?

View the [Apple Health client eligibility dashboard](#) which covers enrollment data for Apple Health Expansion and all other Apple Health programs.

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## How long is the current waitlist?

There is no current waitlist for Apple Health Expansion as we are still exploring options for a long-term IT based waitlist.

## How many people have been denied due to enrollment limit?

As of August 29, 2024, 6,857 individuals have been denied Apple Health Expansion coverage due to the enrollment limit for both the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and Classic population.

## How many applicants have been denied with a language preference other than English or Spanish?

As of August 29, 2024, 360 applicants who indicated a language other than English or Spanish were denied due to enrollment limit. **Note:** Due to several languages showing less than 10 individuals, we are not listing the languages to protect client privacy.

## Is there a timeline for transitioning from the short-term enrollment management strategy to the IT waitlist?

There is no current timeline for getting an IT based waitlist in place. HCA and partner agencies are working through options to determine our most viable solution for an IT based waitlist.

## How often is the random selection occurring in the current short-term enrollment policy?

We are still determining the frequency of random selection for the short-term enrollment policy. Random selection will be dependent on the frequency that spots open and available funds. It is important to remember that HCA's program budget is limited.

Limited enrollment is in place to ensure the budget for Apple Health Expansion is not overspent. HCA will evaluate the costs of the program monthly to determine when we can open enrollment.