Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

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Refugee Medical Assistance





Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

The Refugee Medical Assistance program (RMA) is for individuals who:

- Are not eligible for Apple Health programs but who meet the income and resource standard of the RMA program.
- May be eligible for RMA if they are able to provide documentation issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration services (USCIS).



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If determined eligible the certification period for RMA ends on the last day of the twelfth month from the month an individual enters the United States (U.S.).

For example, if the individual entered the U.S. on May 28, 2024, they may be eligible for RMA coverage through the end of April 2025.

For more information on refugee medical assistance status requirements see <u>Apple Health for Refugees | Washington</u> <u>State Health Care Authority</u>

Source: <u>https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/apple-health-refugees</u>



RMA eligibility criteria





Eligibility for RMA

Individuals may be eligible for RMA if they:

>Meet immigration status requirements listed in the <u>Health</u> <u>Care Authority Apple Health for Refugees webpage</u>.

>Have countable resources at or below \$2000 on the date of application.

>Have a countable income equal to or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) on the date of application.

Receive refugee cash assistance (RCA), they are eligible for RMA as long as they are not eligible for Apple Health.

Source: <u>https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/apple-health-refugees</u>





Eligibility for RMA continued

• An individual is **not** eligible for RMA if they are:

- Already eligible for Medicaid or a children's health care program as described in <u>WAC 182-505-0210</u>.
- A full-time student in an institution of higher education, unless the educational activity is part of a DSHS-approved individual responsibility plan (IRP).
- A nonrefugee spouse of a refugee.

Source: https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=182-505-0210





Who is eligible for RMA





Who is eligible for RMA

• An individual is eligible for RMA if they are:

- Admitted as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationalities Act (INA)
- Paroled into the United States as a refugee or asylee under section 212 (d)(5) of the INA
- Granted conditional entry under section 203 (a)(7) of the INA
- Granted asylum under section 208 of the INA
- Admitted as an Amerasian immigrant from Vietnam through the orderly departure program, under section 584 of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, incorporated in the FY88 continuing resolution P.L. 100-212



Who is eligible for RMA continued

• An individual is eligible for RMA if they are:

- Admitted as an Amerasian immigrant from Vietnam through the orderly departure program, under section 584 of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act, incorporated in the FY88 continuing resolution P.L. 100-212
- A Cuban-Haitian entrant who was admitted as a public interest parolee under section 212 (d)(5) of the INA
- Certified as a victim of human trafficking by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
- An eligible family member of a victim of human trafficking certified by ORR who has a T-2, T-3, T-4, or T-5 visa



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Who is eligible for RMA continued

• An individual is eligible for RMA if they are:

- Admitted as special immigrant from Iraq or Afghanistan under one of the following:
 - Special immigrant status under section 101 (a) (27) of the INA
 - Special immigrant conditional permanent resident, or
 - Parole under section 602 (b) (1) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 or section 1059 (a) of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2006.
- An Afghan granted humanitarian parole between July 31, 2021, and September 30, 2023, their spouse or child, or a parent or guardian of an unaccompanied minor who is granted parole after September 30, 2022, under section 2502 of the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act of 2021.



United for Ukraine eligibility





Eligibility for individuals from Ukraine

- On May 21, 2022, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) passed, expanding Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility to Ukrainians, and non-Ukrainian individuals, who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who were paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023.
- The Ukrainian Supplemental appropriations act 2024 (AUSAA) extended the period of eligibility to September 30, 2024.



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Who is eligible

- Citizens or nationals of Ukraine who were paroled into the United States as Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee (UHP) between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, or
- Non-Ukrainians who last habitually resided in Ukraine paroled as UHP into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2024, or
- The spouse, child, parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor or an unaccompanied child of an individual as mentioned above, who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.



Date of eligibility

- For eligible individuals who entered the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, their date of eligibility is May 21, 2022, or the date of their parole whichever is later.
- For eligible individuals who enter the United States between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024, their date of eligibility is April 24, 2024, or their date of parole, whichever is later.



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Period of eligibility

- Ukrainian (UHP) and non-Ukrainian parolees are eligible for benefits until the end of their parole term, unless otherwise amended by law, or the individual gains another category or status.
 - For example, an eligible individual enters the United States on February 14, 2024, has a date of eligibility of April 24, 2024. They are eligible for the duration of their parole, including any additional period of re-parole.
- If a Ukrainian (UHP) or non-Ukrainian applies for and obtains Temporary Protected Status (TPS*), they remain eligible until the end of their parole term.

* An individual with only TPS and no underlying humanitarian parole status is not eligible for RMA and is not eligible for Apple Health unless they are a child or pregnant.



Eligibility for Apple Health

Category/Status	Children's Medical	Pregnancy/ APC Medical	Adult Medical	AEM
Parolee (prior to 2/24/22)	Eligible	Eligible	Not Eligible	Eligible
Parolee (UHP) (2/24/22 – 9/30/23) Eligibility Starts 5/21/22	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Not Eligible
Parolee (UHP) 10/1/23 – 9/30/24 Eligibility Starts 4/24/24	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Not Eligible
TPS*	Eligible	Eligible	Not Eligible	Eligible

*Ukrainians paroled under humanitarian parole between 2/24/2022 and 9/30/2024, who are subsequently granted TPS, remain eligible for full-scope Apple Health (Medicaid) through 9/30/2024, or until the end of their Parole, whichever is later.

Countable income for RMA





RMA countable income

- Income for individuals entering Washington may be received from supporters, organizations or federal programs.
- Some income types may be counted depending on whether an individual is applying for:
 - Modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) based programs through Washington Healthplanfinder or
 - Classic Apple Health programs through the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).





MAGI-based income

MAGI based countable income examples:

- Earned income including wages, salaries and tips
- Foreign earned income. Any amount of foreign income excluded from gross income under Section 911 of the IRS.
- Unearned income such as Title II Social Security benefits or dividends.
- MAGI based non-countable income examples:
 - Needs-based assistance from other agencies
 - Child support payments
 - Income from the Uniting for Ukraine program





Apple Health Classic (Medicaid) income

- Income must be reported when applying for Classic Apple Health programs. Countable income includes but is not limited to:
 - Gifts (cash support/gift cards)
 - Educational benefits (student loans, grants, work-study)
 - Child support/spousal maintenance
 - Gaming income
 - Rental income
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)





Applying for Apple Health





Application process for refugees under the age of 65

- Medical assistance applications for refugees under the age of 65 should be submitted through Washington Healthplanfinder.
- HCA determines eligibility for MAGI based Apple Health programs first.
- If an error occurs when submitting the application, complete a paper application and email it to <u>HCAWAHRMAapps@hca.wa.gov</u> and include:
 - Primary applicant name
 - Washington Healthplanfinder app ID
 - Managed care organization (MCO) plan selection (optional)
 - Error code (if any)
- If an applicant is not eligible for MAGI-based Apple Health, or becomes ineligible during the certification period, HCA will determine eligibility for RMA.



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An account is not required for Washington Apple Health applicants; however, it allows individuals to:

- Go paperless
- Use the mobile app WAPlanfinder
- Report changes with ease





Create an account continued

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If an individual does not want to create an account:

• Select "Skip Account Creation"

If an individual with an existing application would like to create an account:

- Call 1-855-923-4633 or;
- Select "Create Account" from the client's dashboard





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Contact information page

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Authorized Representative (AREP)

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- Check the AREP box
- Enter AREP information
- Check the box "I want my AREP to receive duplicate copies of my notification" if applicable
- Click "Next" to advance to the next

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About your household

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This page includes additional questions regarding:

- Pregnancy
- Washington state residency
- Citizenship and immigration





Entering immigration information



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Selecting **No** to the citizenship question will allow you to select the applicable person(s) and answer:

- Lawfully present
- Date of entry
- Immigration documents (yes/no)
 - If yes, select the document type

Selecting document type

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- If only an 'A' number is available, select document type "Other", enter the 'A' number and description of the document.
- If an 'A' Number has 8 digits, add a zero to the beginning to make it a 9digit number.
- Entering passport information is not required. However, if the only document available is a passport, the information should be entered.



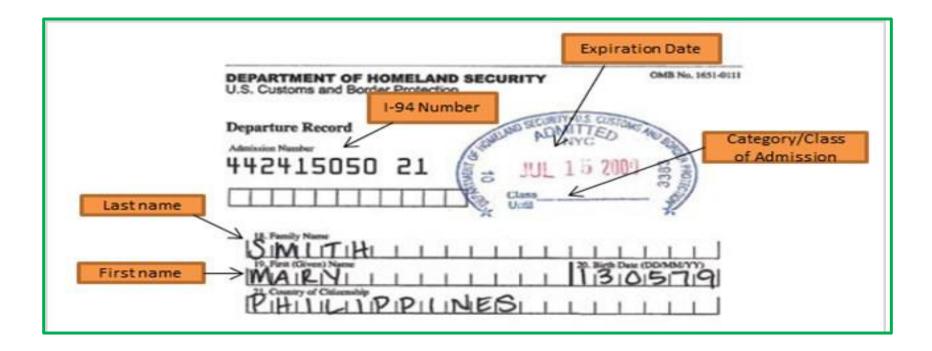


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I-94 arrival/departure record



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Review your application

Review your application Carefully review and edit your household information before submitting your application. NOTICE: We were not able to verify your information. Review your application, such as full legal names and birth dates, to make sure everything is correct. Otherwise, you may need to submit documents to verify your information. Close all ^ ACCOUNT HOLDER \sim APPLICATION TYPE FULL NAME Applying for tax credits, cost sharing reductions or Washington Jimbo Limbo Apple Health SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER XXX-XX-2594 SOCIAL SECURITY DISCLOSURE DATE OF BIRTH SEX 04/01/1955 Male EMAI Edit CONTACT INFORMATION HOME ADDRESS ADDRESS LINE 1 APT/SUITE/OTHER 500 SW 7th St CITY STATE Renton WΔ ZIP 98057

This page displays all the information entered into the application.

 Click the **Edit** button if corrections are needed





Submit your application

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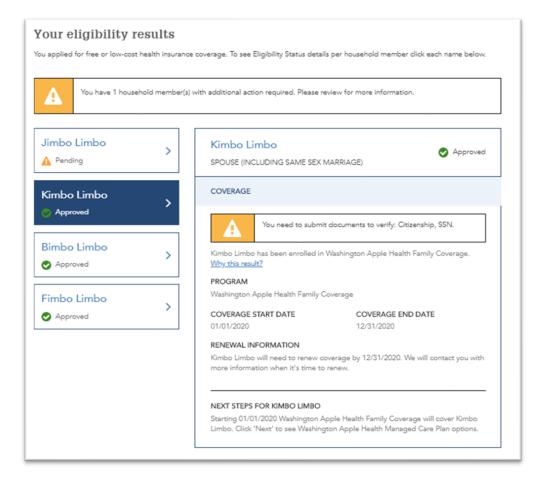
To electronically sign and submit the application:

- Check the appropriate boxes
- Enter the primary applicant's name exactly as it was entered in the application
- Click Submit My
 Application



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Your eligibility results



This page displays:

- Eligibility outcome for all household members that requested coverage
- Coverage start and end dates
- System alerts for any documents needed
- Next steps for each household member





Application process for refugees over age 65

- DSHS determines eligibility for medical assistance for clients over age 65 who are refugees or have other eligible immigration statuses. Refugees can apply via:
 - Online: Go to <u>Washington Connection</u> select the "Apply Now" button.
 - Paper: Submit an <u>Application for aged, blind,</u> <u>disabled/long-term care coverage (wa.gov)</u>
 - ▶ Phone: Call 1-877-501-2233.
 - In-person: local community services office.
- Interpreter services are available.

Source: https://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/; https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/10/



Authorized representative





Authorized representative (AREP)

- An Authorized Representative (AREP) is an individual or organization that is authorized by an applicant or recipient to act on their behalf for Apple Health eligibility purposes and is designated on the application or verbally.
- An AREP may:
 - Sign an application on the applicant's behalf
 - Complete and submit a renewal form
 - Receive copies of the notices and communications from the agency
 - Act on behalf of the applicant in all eligibility matters with the agency



AREP responsibilities

- An AREP can share any information relevant to eligibility; however, the agency can only share information with the AREP that is necessary for the purposes of determining financial eligibility.
 - Examples of information the agency cannot share are:
 - Social Security Numbers (SSN)
 - > Birthdates
 - Home or mailing addresses
 - Places of employment that are outside of a request for specific employment verification
 - Estimated Due Dates (EDD)





Termination of AREP authorization

- The AREP designation may be terminated at any time by either the applicant or AREP, verbally or in writing.
- When the applicant or beneficiary is deceased the AREP designation terminates, except when the AREP is:
 - The executor or administrator of the deceased's estate or
 - Legally authorized by the courts or by state law to act on behalf of the deceased or their estate.
- Legal guardianship and power of attorney (POA) assigned while the client is living ends after the client is deceased.



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RMA application assisters





VOLAG responsibilities

- Once a refugee is granted permission to come to the U.S. and granted a legal immigration status, voluntary resettlement agencies called "VOLAG's" are contracted for initial resettlement.
 - The VOLAG is responsible for meeting and picking up the refugee at the airport; finding a place to live; and helping with necessities and cultural orientation within the first 90 days of the refugee being in the U.S.
 - The VOLAG also assists refugee's with submitting Apple Health Medicaid applications through the WA HealthPlanFinder or Washington Connections



Source: <u>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ESA/oria/documents/volagwaproviders.pdf</u>



Volunteer assister access

- Community partners who are affiliated with a communitybased organization in Washington State can complete training and gain volunteer access to the Washington Healthplanfinder website.
- The application process includes a registration form, Washington State Patrol background check, and Health Benefit Exchange User Agreement.
- Contact the volunteer assister program to begin the process at hcavolunteerassister@hca.wa.gov.
- To learn more about the process, see <u>hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/community-based-training</u> for more information.











HCA resources

• Apple Health Citizenship and Immigration status guide

hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-lowcost/citizenship alien status guide.pdf

Apple Health Eligibility for Individuals from Ukraine

hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/apple-health-for-individualsfrom-ukraine.pdf

Apple Health Eligibility for Individuals from Afghanistan

- Apple Health Eligibility for Individuals from Afghanistan (wa.gov)
- Immigration status requirement for refugee medical assistance
 - WAC 182-507-0135





HCA resources

Cross-agency Desk Aid:

hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-lowcost/customer_support_center_referrals.pdf

HCA Stakeholder Training & Education Resources:

hca.wa.gov/stakeholder-training

HCA Community-Based Specialists

hca.wa.gov/hcacommunitystaff





HCA resources

• Apple Health MAGI Medicaid paper application

- hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/18-001P.pdf
- Classic Medicaid paper application
 - hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/18-005.pdf
- AREP form (14-532) shared by DSHS and HCA
 - Electronic DSHS Forms | DSHS (wa.gov)









