



# Title XIX Advisory Committee

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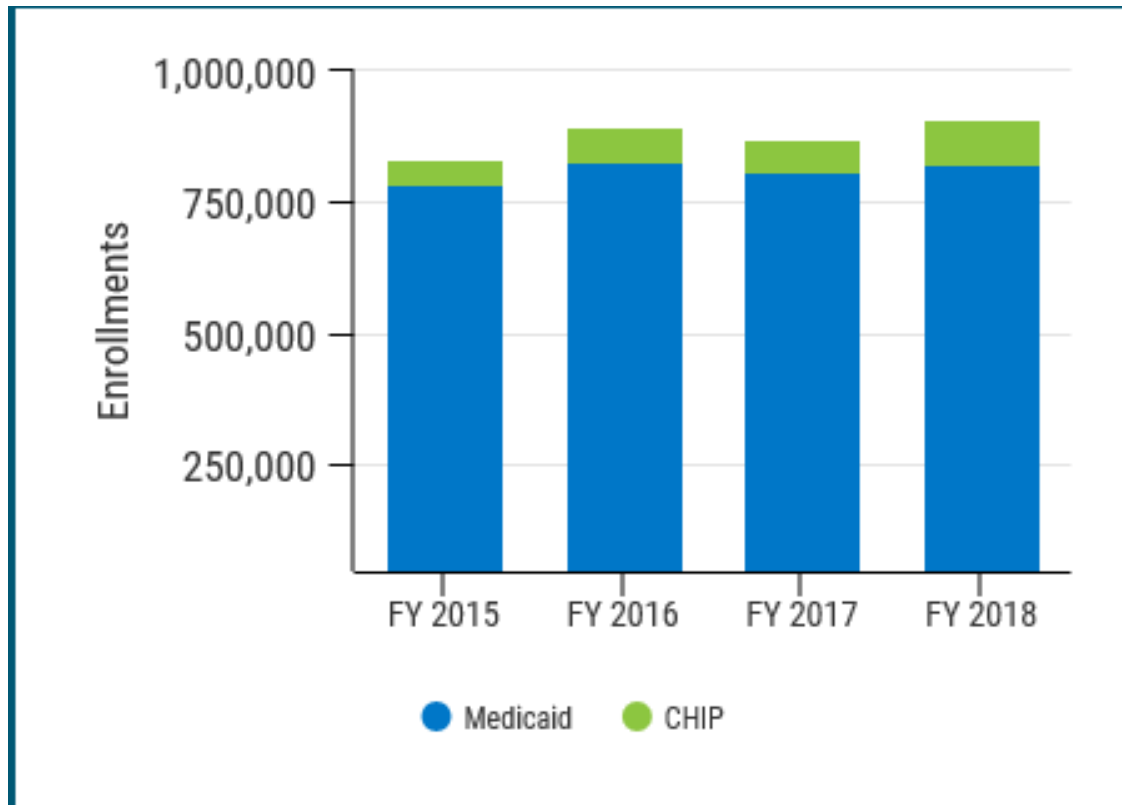
# Topics

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# **Children's Coverage Update**

# CHIP & Apple Health Enrollment Trends

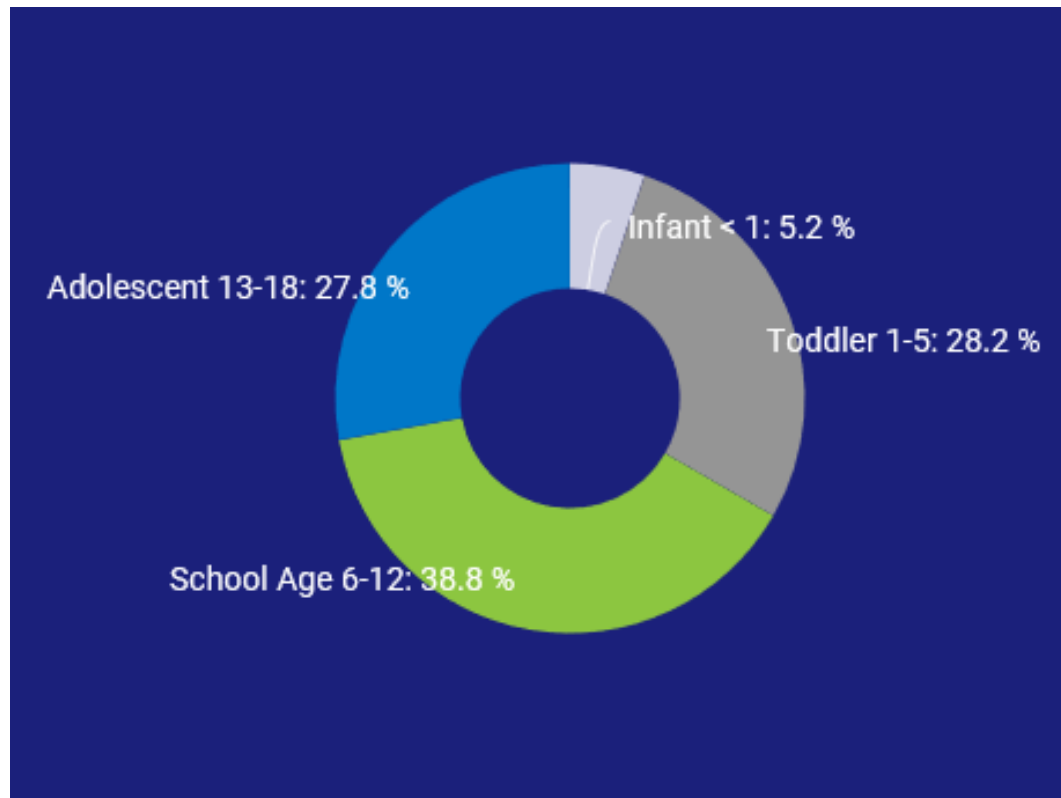


- ❖ More than 800,000 kids are covered
  - Available for children up to age 19 in households with income at or **below 312% FPL**



# Kids Coverage Details

## Under 19- Details



### ❖ 5000

- Non-citizen women with income up to 193% of FPL received prenatal coverage

### ❖ 32,000

- Foster and foster care alumni that receive comprehensive physical and mental health support via Apple Health Core Connections

### ❖ 48%

- % of all Washington Medicaid covered lives are kids

# Future Updates (State)

# Family Planning Only for Non-Citizens

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## **Why the Change:**

Operating budget, ESHB 1109, gave HCA the authority to expand Family Planning Only to non-citizens.

## **What is Changing?:**

All individuals under 260% FPL who are Washington residents to be eligible for the program.

**When Will the Change Occur?:** This change will take effect January 1, 2020.

## **Other:**

Stakeholder & staff outreach and training will be coming soon.

# Health Care for Workers with Disabilities (HWD)

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## **Why the Change?:**

SHB 1199 authorizes HCA to disregard an individual's income and age for the HWD program.

**When Will the Change Occur?:** This change will take effect January 1, 2020.

## **Other:**

This bill also requires HCA to seek federal approval to exclude some resources that are used when determining eligibility for other medical assistance programs.



# Medical Care Services (MCS) Dental

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## **Why the Change?:**

Operating budget, HB ES1109, gave HCA the authority to expand the dental package of MCS to equal the ABP dental package. Currently, only emergent dental services are covered under MCS.

**When Will the Change Occur?:** This change will take effect January 1, 2020.

## **Other:**

Changes to ProviderOne to allow providers to bill will be coming to expand this benefit package. Outreach and training to staff, providers, and stakeholders will also be coming in the near future to support this expansion.

# **Future Updates (Federal)**

# Public Charge

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As of October 15, 2019, the new federal Public Charge rules will take effect.

This law imposes new barriers for individuals who DHS considers to be a “public charge” or individuals who are dependent on the federal government for support when they are applying for legal permanent residence (LPR) status.

DHS will use a weighted system to determine public charge based on the receipt of public benefits for 12 consecutive months or 12 months out of 36 months.

# Public Charge-Background

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- ▶ The final rule changes how immigration officials determine whether certain immigrants will become a “public charge.”
- ▶ Public charge is a term used in immigration law to describe someone who is primarily dependent on government assistance.
- ▶ A public charge assessment considers whether a person is likely to become a public charge at some time in the future.
- ▶ The rule redefines the term “public charge” and broadens the factors used to assess whether someone is likely to become a public charge.

# Public Charge-Background

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- ▶ The following benefits were already included in the public charge test and will remain:
  - ▶ Medicaid funded nursing facility or long-term care services
  - ▶ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); any federal, state, local or tribal cash assistance for income maintenance
- ▶ When/if the rule becomes effective, the following benefits will be added:
  - ▶ Federally funded Medicaid (there are exemptions)
  - ▶ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
  - ▶ Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers & Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance
  - ▶ Public Housing

# Public Charge- Exemptions

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Individuals that are exempt from the public charge rule include:

- Individuals receiving emergency medical condition;
- Individuals under age 21 and pregnant (including 60 days postpartum);
- Certain children of U.S. citizens whose citizenship is pending;
- Immigrants enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces who are serving in active duty or in the Ready Reserve (as well as their spouse or children); and
- Refugees, asylees, certain Cuban, Haitian and central Americans, and victims of trafficking and domestic violence.

# Consumer Resources

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- ▶ Consumers potentially affected by the rule are advised to seek independent legal counsel
- ▶ They may contact one of the following organizations for help:
  - ▶ CLEAR Hotline: 1-888-201-1014
  - ▶ Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP):
    - o NWIRP Seattle Office: 206-587-4009
    - ▶ NWIRP Yakima Valley (Granger) Office: 509-854-2100
    - ▶ NWIRP Wenatchee Office: 509-570-0054



# Questions?

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