



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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To:

From: Health Benefits Coordination Unit

Date: April 8, 2015

Subject: Health Insurance Application Status

Thank you for submitting your Community Health Care Coverage Worksheet. This allows the Department of Corrections to apply on your behalf for health insurance benefits when you release from prison. We have submitted your information to Washington Healthplanfinder and **you have been approved for WA Apple Health insurance coverage.**

You can expect to receive three separate mailings sent to the address on _____ :

- A letter notifying you which managed care plan you are enrolled in.
- Instructions and a "Your Medical Benefits Book". This book has more information about your benefits and plans available in your area.
- A WA Apple Health Service Card.
 - The Service Card is permanent.
 - **Keep the card and don't throw it away**, even if you lose or change coverage in case you ever re-enroll in WA Apple Health.
 - This card will work for any provider who accepts WA Apple Health coverage.
 - Providers may ask to see your card but a card is not required to access medical services.

If this is not a good address for you to receive mail, and to ensure receipt of future mailings, please update your mailing address. For assistance with this and other customer support needs, you may call Washington Apple Health at 1-855-623-9357, online at www.wahealthplanfinder.org or by contacting one of the Lead Organizations listed on the next page.

Health Insurance - Lead Organizations Contact Information by County

County	Lead Organization	Address	Contact
Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla	Benton Franklin Community Action Connections	720 W Court Street, Pasco WA 99301	Wes Luckey, Director of In Person Assistance Program wluckey@bfcac.org 509-545-4042 ext. 212
Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens and Whitman	Better Health Together	111 N Post, STE 301, Spokane WA 99201	Curt Fackler, IPA Network Manager curt@betterhealthtogether.org 509-939-1548 Kristen West, Vice President of Programs Kristen@empirehealthfoundation.org 509-828-9083
Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston	CHOICE Regional Health Network	1217 4th Ave E, Suite 200, Olympia, WA 98506	Libby Weisdepp, Communications and Operations Manager weisdeppi@crhn.org 360-539-7576 ext. 120
Clark, Klickitat and Skamania	Clark County Public Health	1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver WA 98666	Janis Koch, Project Manager Janis.koch@clark.wa.gov 360-397-8000 ext. 7278
Cowlitz and Wahkiakum	Cowlitz Family Health Center	1057 12th Avenue, Longview, WA 98632	Pamela Spears pspears@cfamhc.org 360-353-3256 Dian Cooper, CEO dcooper@cfamhc.org
Kitsap	Kitsap Public Health District	345 6th St STE 300, Bremerton WA 98337	Kerry Dobbelaere, Program Manager, Clinical Services Kerry.dobbelaere@kitsappublichealth.org 360-337-5238
King	Public Health - Seattle-King County	401 5th Avenue #1000, Seattle WA 98104	Daphne Pie, Program Planner Daphne.pie@kingcounty.gov 206-263-8369
Pierce	Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	3629 South D Street, Tacoma WA 98418	Kayla Scrivner, Community Liaison Specialist kscrivner@tpchd.org 253-798-2883 Beth Wilson, Program Coordinator bwilson@tpchd.org 253-798-2949
Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom	Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement	800 E Chestnut St, Lower Level, STE 2, Bellingham WA 98225-5250	Dorothy Bradshaw, IPA Project Manager dabradshaw@hinet.org 360.788.6594
Yakima and Kittitas	Yakima Neighborhood Health Services	12 South 8th Street in Yakima WA 98901	Rhonda Hauff, Chief Operating Operator Rhonda.hauff@ynhs.org 509-574-5552



Frequently Asked Questions: Health Insurance

For individuals who are preparing to release from prison

Why do I need health insurance?

Having quality insurance means that you and your family can get the care you need to stay healthy. You can go see a doctor instead of having to go to the emergency room for medical care. All the essential benefits are covered, including doctor visits, hospital stays, emergency room visits, prescriptions, dental, vision, maternity care and mental and behavioral health services. Free check-ups and preventive care like cancer screenings and vaccinations are also included. Health insurance can also help protect you from high medical bills in the case of a serious accident or illness.

What happens if I do not have health insurance in 2015?

Besides making it more difficult and expensive to receive the medical care you need, federal law imposes a fine for not having health insurance. That fine will be \$95 for an individual, \$285 for a family or 1 percent of a household's annual income, whichever is greater. The fine will gradually increase to \$695 for an individual, \$2,085 for a family or 2.5 percent of a household's income, whichever is greater, by 2016.

What happens if I have been approved for Medicaid coverage upon my release?

The following will be mailed to the address listed in your approval letter:

- Award letter (Health Benefit Exchange)
- A ProviderOne Identification card (Health Care Authority)
- A Managed Care booklet (Health Care Authority)
- A Managed Care Identification Card (Your Managed Care Plan Administrator)

What if there is a change to my address, my phone number, or my income?

For any information that changes before you release from prison, DOC staff can enter those changes for you. But once you leave prison, it is your responsibility to report those changes. To learn how to report these changes, contact the Health Insurance "Lead Agency" in your community. A list of those agencies and how to contact them is attached.

What happens to my health insurance when I get a job?

Your employer may provide health insurance. You will want to check with them to find out. There is no repayment obligation if you get a job.

If I am not currently approved for Medicaid coverage, where can I get help signing up for Health Insurance?

Use the attached "Health Insurance Lead Agency Contact Information" to find the in-person assisters in or near your community.