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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0022 Eligibility Updates.

Effective Date: April 1, 2021.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit medicaid SPA 21-0022 to make the following eligibility-related changes to the medicaid state plan:

- 1. HCA submitted SPA 18-0001 on July 11, 2018, to implement a pilot program designed to monitor requests for multiple reasonable opportunity periods (ROP), which are one hundred twenty days of Washington apple health medicaid coverage. An ROP is designed to give noncitizens time to provide documentation that verifies their immigration status to which they have attested at the time of application. The pilot was effective from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. SPA 21-0022 will remove the pilot information from the medicaid state plan.
- 2. Per recent Centers for Medicaid and Medicare guidance, HCA will add two immigration statuses that for individuals who are not considered to be lawfully present in the United States:
- Individuals granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 C.F.R. 241.
- Individuals granted employment authorization under 8 C.F.R. 274a.12 (c)(35) and (c)(36), i, unless they have another qualifying status as described in this regulation.

 ${\tt HCA}$ anticipates SPA 21-0022 will have no effect on payments/reimbursement/expenditures.

SPA 21-0022 is under development. To request a copy of the SPA when it becomes available or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

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