

WSR 22-20-052

PERMANENT RULES

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Purpose: The health care authority (HCA) amended WAC 182-503-0005(3) to include language regarding a telephonic signature option when applying for apple health coverage.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 182-503-0005.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-071, filed 5/15/18, effective 6/15/18)

WAC 182-503-0005 Washington apple health—How to apply. (1) You may apply for Washington apple health at any time.

(2) For apple health programs for children, pregnant people, parents and caretaker relatives, and adults age (~~sixty-four~~) 64 and under without medicare (including people who have a disability or are blind), you may apply:

(a) Online via the Washington Healthplanfinder at www.wahealthplanfinder.org;

(b) By calling the Washington Healthplanfinder customer support center and completing an application by telephone;

(c) By completing the application for health care coverage (HCA 18-001P), and mailing or faxing to Washington Healthplanfinder; or

(d) At a department of social and health services (DSHS) community services office (CSO).

(3) If you seek apple health coverage and are age (~~sixty-five~~) 65 or older, have a disability, are blind, need assistance with medicare costs, or seek coverage of long-term services and supports, you may apply:

- (a) Online via Washington Connection at www.WashingtonConnection.org;
- (b) By completing the application for aged, blind, disabled/long-term care coverage (HCA 18-005) and mailing or faxing it to DSHS;
- (c) By calling the DSHS customer service contact center and completing an application by telephone;
- (d) In person at a local DSHS CSO or home and community services (HCS) office; or
- ~~((d))~~ (e) As specified in subsection (2) of this section, if you are a child, pregnant, a parent or caretaker relative, or an adult age ~~((sixty-four))~~ 64 and under without medicare.
- (4) You may receive help filing an application.
 - (a) For households containing people described in subsection (2) of this section:
 - (i) Call the Washington Healthplanfinder customer support center number listed on the application for health care coverage form (HCA 18-001P); or
 - (ii) Contact a navigator, health care authority volunteer assistor, or broker.
 - (b) For people described in subsection (3) of this section who are not applying with a household containing people described in subsection (2) of this section:
 - (i) Call or visit a local DSHS CSO or HCS office; or
 - (ii) Call the DSHS community services customer service contact center number listed on the medicaid application form.
- (5) To apply for tailored supports for older adults (TSOA), see WAC 182-513-1625.
- (6) You must apply directly with the service provider for the following programs:
 - (a) The breast and cervical cancer treatment program under WAC 182-505-0120;
 - (b) The TAKE CHARGE program under chapter 182-532 WAC; and
 - (c) The kidney disease program under chapter 182-540 WAC.
- (7) For the confidential pregnant minor program under WAC 182-505-0117 and for minors living independently, you must complete a separate application directly with us (the medicaid agency).

More information on how to give us an application may be found at the agency's website: www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care (search for "teen").
- (8) As the primary applicant or head of household, you may start an application for apple health by providing your:
 - (a) Full name;
 - (b) Date of birth;
 - (c) Physical address, and mailing addresses (if different); and
 - (d) Signature.
- (9) To complete an application for apple health, you must also give us all of the other information requested on the application.
- (10) You may have an authorized representative apply on your behalf as described in WAC 182-503-0130.
- (11) We help you with your application or renewal for apple health in a manner that is accessible to you. We provide equal access (EA) services as described in WAC 182-503-0120 if you:
 - (a) Ask for EA services, you apply for or receive long-term services and supports, or we determine that you would benefit from EA services; or
 - (b) Have limited-English proficiency as described in WAC 182-503-0110.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 18-11-071, § 182-503-0005, filed 5/15/18, effective 6/15/18; WSR 17-15-061, § 182-503-0005, filed 7/13/17, effective 8/13/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, Public Law 111-148, 42 C.F.R. § 431, 435, and 457, and 45 C.F.R. § 155. WSR 14-16-052, § 182-503-0005, filed 7/29/14, effective 8/29/14.]