

Premium Payment Program, Chapter WAC 182-558

What is the Premium Payment Program?

- Assists people on Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) take advantage of private health insurance by:
 - Increasing private health insurance coverage for families who otherwise couldn't pay their own premiums.
 - o Reducing healthcare costs to the state, by keeping Apple Health the payer of last resort.
 - Saving the State of Washington money.
- Provides reimbursement for private health insurance coverage when:
 - o An Apple Health (Medicaid) client has access to private health insurance coverage, such as through an employer or private policy.
 - o The policy is determined comprehensive and cost effective.

How can the Premium Payment Program help?

- Allows Apple Health (Medicaid) clients to keep their coverage and have private health insurance.
- Non-Medicaid family members may also be included in the premium reimbursement if it is cost effective to the State of Washington.

Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage does not terminate by enrolling in the program.

- You must have Apple Health (Medicaid) coverage before applying for the Premium Payment Program.
 - o To apply go to: www.wahealthplanfinder.org to see if you qualify.

Do you have access to private health insurance?

- Private health insurance you purchase yourself.
- o Employer sponsored insurance made available through your employer.
- o COBRA continuing your job's health insurance if you become unemployed.

You can contact us at:

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https://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program