

Washington State Health Care Authority

Updates on Medicaid in 2014



American Indian Health Commission Workgroup

April 23, 2013

Health Care Authority and Health Benefit Exchange Staff

Agenda



- **Native Health Program Manager**
- **Tribal Sponsorship**
- **2013 Legislative Highlights**
- **The Application Process**
- **Tribal TANF**
- **Conversion & Transition**
- **MAM & In-Person Assisters**
- **Questions?**

Native Health Program Manager



Introducing...

Karol Dixon **Appointed April 16**



- Previously worked with Jamestown S’Kallam Tribe
- Alaska Tribal Health Consortium for 4 years
- Focus on coordinating and building strong government-to-government relationship
- Karol.Dixon@hca.wa.gov

Centennial Accord Reporting

2012 Executive Summary:

The Washington State Health Care Authority's (HCA) goals are to partner with tribes and urban tribal clinics to increase access to state - and federal- financed health care coverage, address the health equity issues in Indian Country and increase health resources for the tribes. A primary objective has been to facilitate increased participation of the tribes with all HCA programs. (see [2012AgencyHighlights.pdf](#))

2013 Highlights to Include:

- Meetings, summits, conferences, etc.
- Memoranda of Understanding with tribal governments
- Program or rule change, and benefits
- Number of new contracts/grants

Your Thoughts

- Issues?
- Concerns?
- Questions?

Tribal Sponsorship



Tribal Sponsorship

Washington State Healthplanfinder

- December 23, 2013 last day to pay for January 1, 2014 coverage
- Limited sponsorship options in 2014
- Automated processing capability will evolve
- Training anticipated mid-summer

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2013 Legislative Update



2013 Legislative Highlights

Health Benefit Exchange

- ESHB 1947 – sustainable funding for the Exchange
- SB 5919 – federal waiver to allow multiple private health benefit exchanges in Washington

Medicaid Expansion

- ESSB 5034 (budget) – expenditure authority for Medicaid expansion
- SB 5919 – federal waiver for multiple WA private health benefit exchanges
- SB 5914 – federal waiver for targeted premium assistance in Exchange
- SB 5918 – federal waiver to enroll Medicaid beneficiaries in Exchange

2013 Legislative Highlights (cont)

Quality Improvement

- 2SSB 5732 – adult behavioral health improvements, including tribal-centric system
- ESHB 1519 – performance measures and outcomes in contracts
- HB 1631 – Joint Legislative Executive Committee on aging and disability issues to prepare for future system demands
- HB 1795 – HCA, DSHS, DOH collaboration on plans for controlling diabetes
- ESHB 1753 – HCA, DSHS, L&I interpreter services purchasing

Legislative Oversight

- ESSCR 8401 – Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight of HCA, OIC, DOH, DSHS and the Exchange (*to reduce duplication, increase service quality and reduce consumer costs*)

Your Thoughts

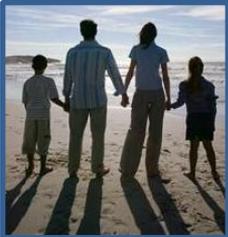
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The Application Process



The Application Process

TODAY



**Through
September 30,
2013**

Processing Time:



Up to 45 Days

The Application Process

TOMORROW

**From
October 1,
2013**



**January 1,
2014 &
Beyond**

Processing Time:



30 minutes to 1 hour

The Application Process

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OPTIONS to online:

- Paper
- Phone
- In-Person

Your Thoughts

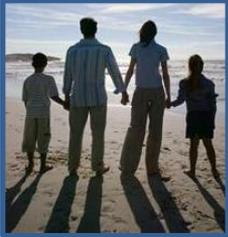
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Tribal TANF



Tribal TANF

TODAY



**Through
September
30, 2013**

For now, the current system will continue:

- Application process will be the same
- Eligibility will be the same
- Cash will continue to be the same

Tribal TANF

TOMORROW

**From
October 1,
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**January 1,
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Change to the new application system October 1: **Washington State Healthplanfinder**

- Medicaid applicants can use the online portal or available alternatives
- Eligibility in most cases will expand
- Non-related adults will need to file separately

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Conversion & Transition



Conversion & Transition

AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAID:

Those who meet citizenship requirements on...

- ABD cash with CN/Medical Care Services
or
- ADATSA medical programs

automatically enrolled in November for the
January 1, 2014, start date

Conversion & Transition

TRANSITIONAL ENROLLMENT IN MEDICAID:

Families, pregnant women, and children must reapply through Healthplanfinder at their next eligibility review, with:

- 60 day notice
- 30 day notice
- 20 day notice

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MAM & In-Person Assisters



MAM & In-Person Assisters

Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM)

Assisters will provide...

- **Outreach**
- **Application Assistance**
- **Enrollment Activities**

MAM & In-Person Assisters

To Avoid Potential Duplication Between MAM & Tribal Assisters:

- Assisters should not participate in MAM activities
- If they do, violators may have to pay back federal funds

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Online Resources



Online Resources

- **Web-sites:** <http://www.hca.wa.gov/>
 - For information about the Medicaid expansion:
<http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me>
 - For information about the Health Benefit Exchange:
<http://wahbexchange.org/>
 - To contact the HCA concerning the Medicaid expansion:
medicaidexpansion2014@hca.wa.gov

- **Webinars and presentations around the state**
 - See upcoming schedule and past events at:
<http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me/stakeholdering.html>

- **Listserv notification**
 - Subscribe at:
<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=HCA-STAKEHOLDERS&A=1>

Next AIHC-HCA Meeting



- Tuesday May 28, 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Suggested topics?
- Issues?
- Concerns?
- Questions?