

# **Call to Action: Immigrant Health 2024 Options**

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## **Overview**

- 2024 immigrant health coverage opportunities
- Remaining gaps
- Call to action

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## Immigrant Health Coverage in Washington

- Health coverage and care options in Washington State are different depending on citizenship and immigration status
- Affordable options are limited for people without a lawful immigration status – but there are some programs that can help
- **In 2024 options expand!**



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## WA IMMIGRANT HEALTH COVERAGE

**Prior progress**

**Apple Health** is open to

- Kids 0-18yo
- Pregnant people
- People within 1 year postpartum

**Hospital Charity Care**

- Free care for people up to 200% FPL
- Half of all Washingtonians eligible for discounted care

**Emergency (AEM) Care**

- For people who are not eligible for Apple Health
- with certain health conditions

★ **TODAY** ★

All Washingtonians can purchase health insurance on **HealthPlanFinder** for coverage starting January 2024

People with income up to 250% FPL and undocumented are **eligible for \$250 monthly** state premium assistance: Cascade Care Savings

**January 2024**

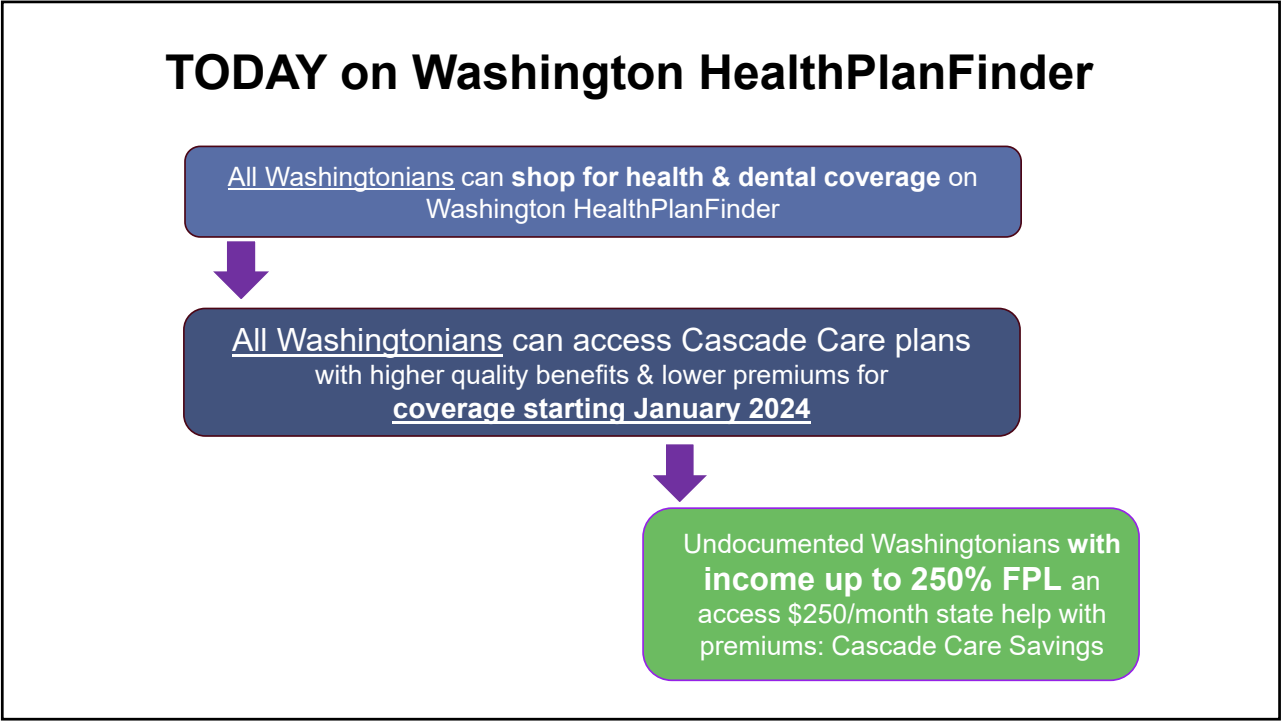
HealthPlanFinder coverage can begin for undocumented immigrants

**July 2024**


Apple Health Medicaid-like program for undocumented adults


Undocumented adults with income up to 138% FPL will be eligible for a Medicaid-like program  
*NOTE: funding is limited; will share more details as they become available*

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### In January 2024, undocumented Washingtonians can use HealthPlanFinder to access health & dental coverage



- Buy the same plans as all other Washingtonians
- Cascade Care Savings (state premium help) for health plans for incomes up to 250% FPL
- State premium subsidy \$250/month for people in WA ineligible for federal tax credits
- *There will be premiums, deductibles and cost-sharing* 

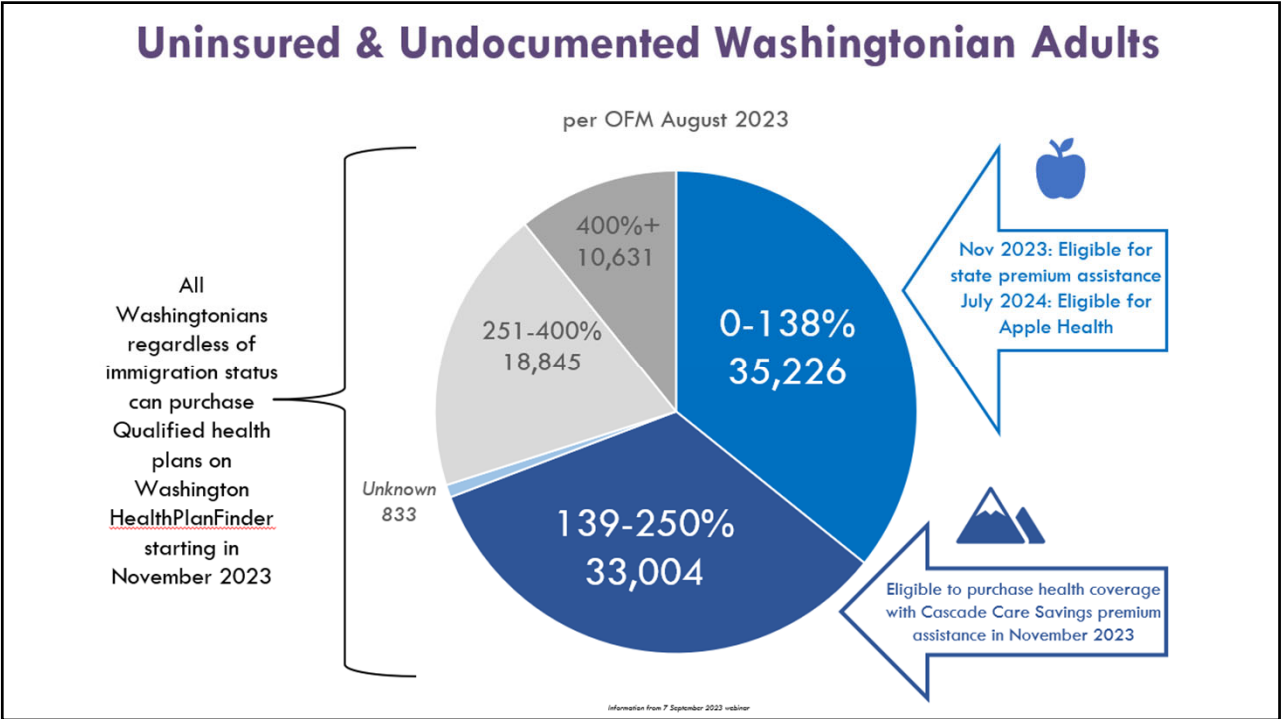
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**When people without an SSN apply for health insurance, will any personally identifying information be shared with federal partners?**

People unable to provide SSN, who select “no” to having citizenship or lawful presence status, will not have any personally identifying information sent to federal electronic data sources through Washington Healthplanfinder.

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## Apple Health Expansion (Medicaid-like program) in July 2024


- For adults up to 138% FPL
- No premiums
- No cost-sharing (deductibles, co-pays, etc)
- Includes dental and vision
- *Funding is capped so coverage is not projected to meet need, may be limited to 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> enrolled*

## Get Started: Meet with a Navigator Today



To learn more about health coverage options

And to verify your identity without a Social Security Number

Or ring **1-855-923-4633** for help in **200+ languages** 

**Make sure to stay in contact with Healthplanfinder!**

## Acceptable Documents - List A:

Submit a copy of one of the Primary Documents from List A with either a photograph of the individual or other identifying information of the individual, such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight, eye color, or address on the document. *Please note that these documents are acceptable if expired if they contain the individual's name, picture and date of birth.*

**Current:**

- U.S. Passport book or card
- Foreign Passport book or card, or identification card issued by a foreign embassy or consulate that contains a photograph
- Driver's License
- Official Government Identification card
- School Identification card
- Certificate of Naturalization (N-550/N-570)
- Certificate of Citizenship (N-560/N-561)
- Voter registration card
- US Military card or draft record
- Military dependent's identification card

- Permanent Resident card or Alien Registration card
- Employment Authorization document (Form I-766) that contains a photograph
- US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card
- Document from federally recognized Indian tribe:
  - A tribal enrollment card
  - A Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood
  - A tribal census document
  - Documents on tribal letterhead signed by a tribal official

**Newly Added:**

- Clinic, doctor, hospital or school record if under age 19
- Finding or verification of identity from a Federal or State governmental agency
- Refugee verification packet
- U.S. B1/B2 Visa Border Crossing Card
- U.S. Visa
- I-327 U.S. Permit to Re-enter Travel Document
- I-551 Permanent Resident Card
- I-571 U.S. Refugee Travel Document
- I-766 Employment Authorization

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## Acceptable Documents - List B

If an individual cannot provide a copy of one of the documents from List A, they can submit two of the following documents from List B that corroborate one another. One of these documents must establish name and date of birth.

**Current:**

- A birth certificate or card
- Social Security card
- Marriage certificate
- Divorce decree
- Employer identification card
- High school or college diploma (including high school equivalency diplomas)
- Property deed or title.

**Newly Added:**

- Consular report of birth abroad
- Court-issued adoption papers
- Ward of the court decree/order of dependency
- WA concealed weapons permit
- NEXUS, SENTRI, or FAST Border Crossing Card
- School yearbook or copy certified by the school

- School transcript or record with date of birth, school biographical data sheet with photo, or forms I-20 or DS-2019 for foreign exchange students
- Mexican school record with seal and photo at age when issued
- Clearance letter/ADR from another state's DMV issued within the last 30 days
- Medicare card with name and signature (Not DSHS medical card)
- Professional license (nursing, physician, engineer, etc.)
- Police Employee ID card issued by WA state, city or county
- Transportation worker ID credential (TWIC)
- Veteran Administration ID card
- Federal or state agency employee ID card with signature and photo
- Selective Service card
- **As last resort, third-party affidavit may be accepted**

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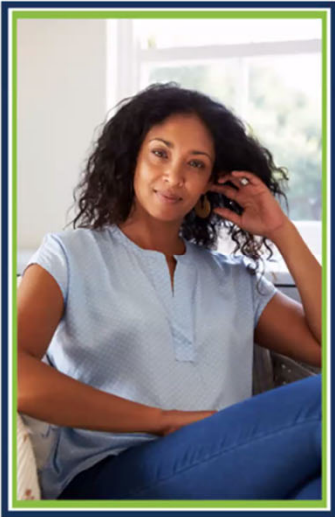
# REMAINING GAPS



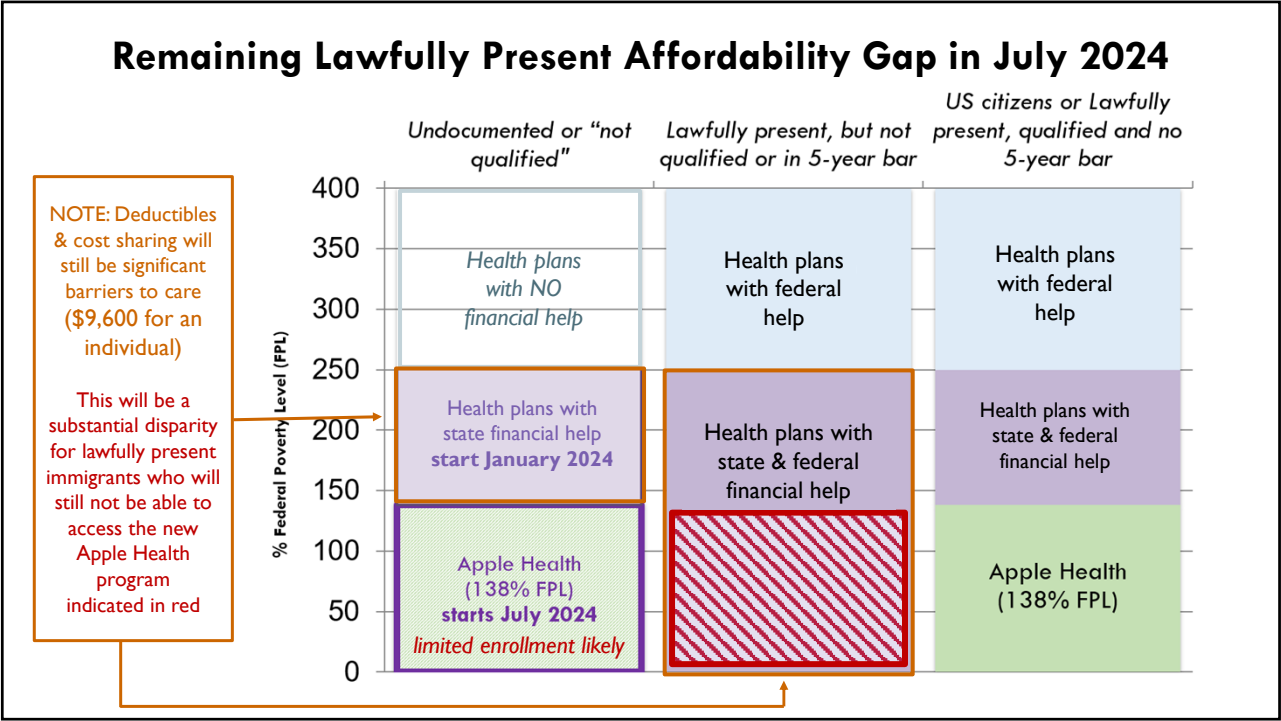
## Affordability Challenges Will Remain for People Who are Undocumented

	Federally Subsidized	Not Federally Subsidized
Premium	\$378	\$378
APTC	\$366	N/A
Cascade Care Savings	\$12	\$250
Net Premium	\$0	\$128


- Under federal law, even with expanded access to qualified health and dental plans, new customers who are undocumented are **ineligible for federal premium tax credits**.
- Illustrative example above is for a 35-year-old customer, with an annual income of \$24,588, enrolled in a Silver Public Option plan.








## Tell Your Community About 2024 Immigrant Health Coverage Programs

 TODAY undocumented immigrants in Washington can purchase plans on **Washington HealthPlanFinder** for **coverage starting January 2024** thanks to the 1332 waiver, with premium assistance if income up to 250% FPL (Federal Poverty Level)

 Undocumented immigrants in Washington with income up to 138% FPL will be eligible to apply for **Apple Health in July 2024**, but funding is capped at \$49.5m

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## Call on Your Community to Act

### Connect to a Navigator! ➡ ➡

Remind people without federal immigration status to get their ID verified with a navigator or by calling customer service





Spread the word that applying for health coverage is not a “Public Charge” ←



## Share Language Access Rights

Everyone has a right to free language services, including an interpreter, written translations in the language you need, & disability accommodations like Braille.

When you apply for programs	<p>Application websites in Spanish:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthplanfinder <a href="http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org/us/es/home-page.html">www.wahealthplanfinder.org/us/es/home-page.html</a></li><li>• Washington Connections <a href="http://www.washingtonconnection.org/home/?locale=es_es">www.washingtonconnection.org/home/?locale=es_es</a></li></ul> <p>Call for customer service in your language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthplanfinder: 1-855-923-4633</li><li>• Apple Health for adults under 65, kids, and pregnancy: 1-800-562-3022</li><li>• Programs for adults over 65, blind, or disabled: 1-877-501-2233</li></ul>
With your health plan	Ask your health plan for language services (such as when you call customer service or get documents from the plan) and they must give it to you
When you get care	Ask your hospital or doctor for language services (such as an interpreter at your appointment) and in most cases, they must give it to you

Contact me if you have challenges: [Lee.Che@nohla.org](mailto:Lee.Che@nohla.org)



# Health Equity for Immigrants Campaign

Multi-year campaign of community leaders, health care providers and advocates who have come together to work to improve access to affordable health care and coverage for all Washingtonians.

Guided by a community-informed approach, we prioritize equitable access for individuals who are uninsured and underinsured due to immigration status restrictions.



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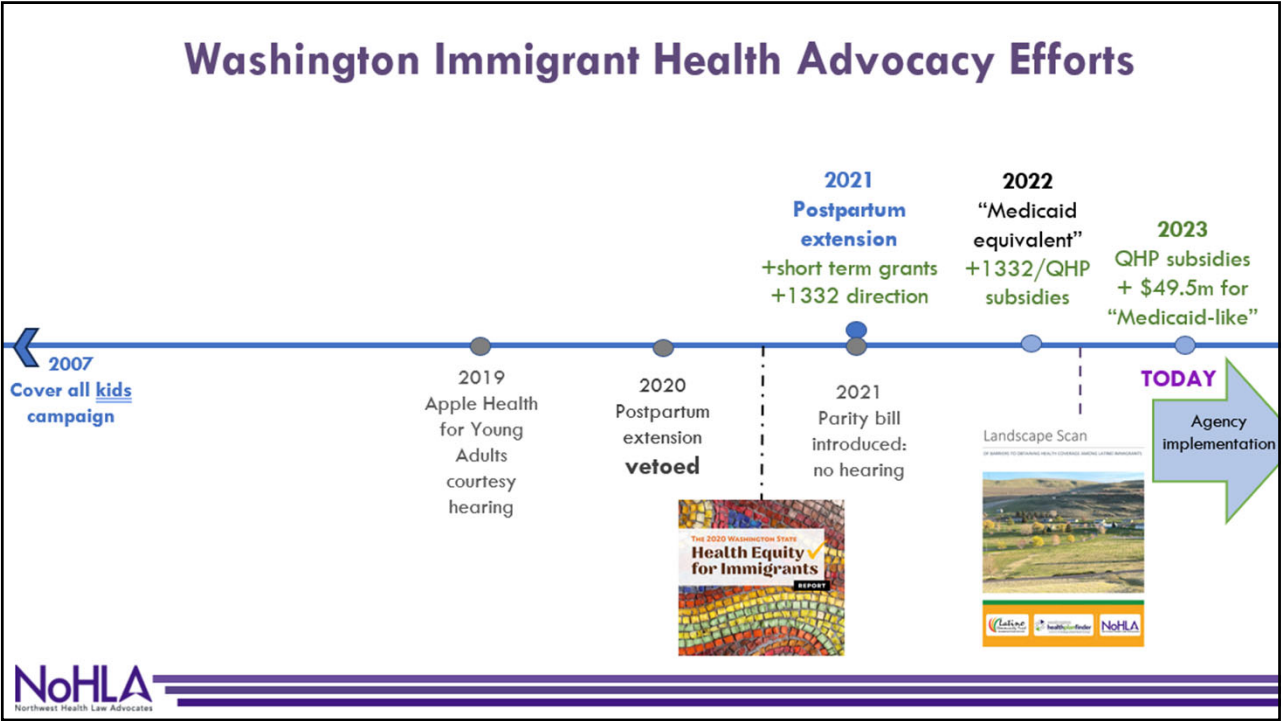


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## Tell State Agencies About Community Needs

- **Wait list** needed given limited funding
  - ☐ *To ensure available funding used to cover eligible individuals*
  - ☐ *To demonstrate need for full funding*
- **Enrollment Assistance & Health Insurance Literacy**
  - ☐ Additional translations needed?
  - ☐ Additional navigation assistance needed?
- ☐ Join the Immigrant Health Implementation **Workgroup**  
by emailing [Lee.Che@nohla.org](mailto:Lee.Che@nohla.org)

## Call on Elected Officials to do Better

- ☐ Need to fully fund the “Medicaid-like” Apple Health program
- Continued need for affordability assistance
  - ☐ *Help with deductibles*
  - ☐ *Help with co-pays and other cost sharing*
- Lawfully present under the 5-year bar
  - ✓ Access to federal assistance
  - ☐ *NO access to July 2024 Medicaid-like program even if <138%*

# QUESTIONS?

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