



CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

Apple Health for Kids

No child should go without health care

Apple Health for Kids gives Washington families affordable, appropriate health care for their children.

Thousands of parents have turned to Apple Health for Kids to secure regular check-ups and other services so that common childhood illnesses do not develop into chronic and costly health problems. With Apple Health for Kids, children can stay healthy and learn in school, and our state saves money. Washington has won over \$45 million in federal performance bonus funds in recognition of our success in children's health coverage.

Despite these successes, more than 101,000 children remain uninsured. Four out of five of these children are eligible for Apple Health for Kids.

Lawmakers need to redouble their efforts to make health coverage and care available for all children.

- Make sure Apple Health for Kids is accessible and affordable for all eligible children.
- Identify and provide opportunities to connect eligible children with coverage. This includes using information that the state currently holds to identify eligible children and supporting effective enrollment assistance efforts. This will increase health coverage among children who experience the greatest barriers, including low-income, minority, and less proficient English speaking children.
- Work to ensure that all enrollees in Apple Health for Kids can access health care when they need it, in the most appropriate setting.

With the federal Affordable Care Act, our state has an historic opportunity to give more Washingtonians the chance to be healthy. We can do this by making health coverage and care match the needs of Washington families, at a price they can afford. Not having insurance is more common among low-income families and communities of color. By establishing policies that address the barriers these communities face in securing health care, we can make great improvements in health coverage.



Approximately 700,000 children have coverage through Apple Health for Kids, allowing them to secure regular check-ups, vaccinations, and other services so that they can stay healthy and focus in school.

Lawmakers can protect children's health

Make Apple Health for Kids accessible and affordable for all eligible children;

Address the barriers faced by low-income families and communities of color in securing affordable, culturally appropriate health care.