



Limited Benefit -- Community Access Program

DSHS HCLA & DDA efforts to mitigate impacts to non-citizens losing Medicaid coverage due to HR 1

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H.R. 1: Non-U.S. Citizen Changes

New federal law, known as House Resolution 1 (HR1), will change federal requirements for:

- Medicaid Rules
 - Mandates community engagement/work requirement for recipients
 - Increases eligibility checks to every six months
- Food Assistance (SNAP)
 - Expands work reporting time limits
- Immigration Subsidies
 - Restricts non-citizen eligibility for federal safety-net programs, Medicaid (Apple Health) & Affordable Care Act health insurance subsidies

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Long Term Services & Supports Impact

Beginning October 1, 2026, certain adult immigrants who are enrolled in federal Medicaid (Apple Health) and Long-Term Services and Supports will no longer qualify for these programs and, with limited exceptions, will be disenrolled if their immigration or citizenship status is:

- Refugee
- Asylee
- Victim of Trafficking
- Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee; or
- Immigrant with another form of humanitarian protection

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Impacted Long Term Services & Supports Population

Approximately 3,100 HCLA and DDA clients were initially identified as being impacted

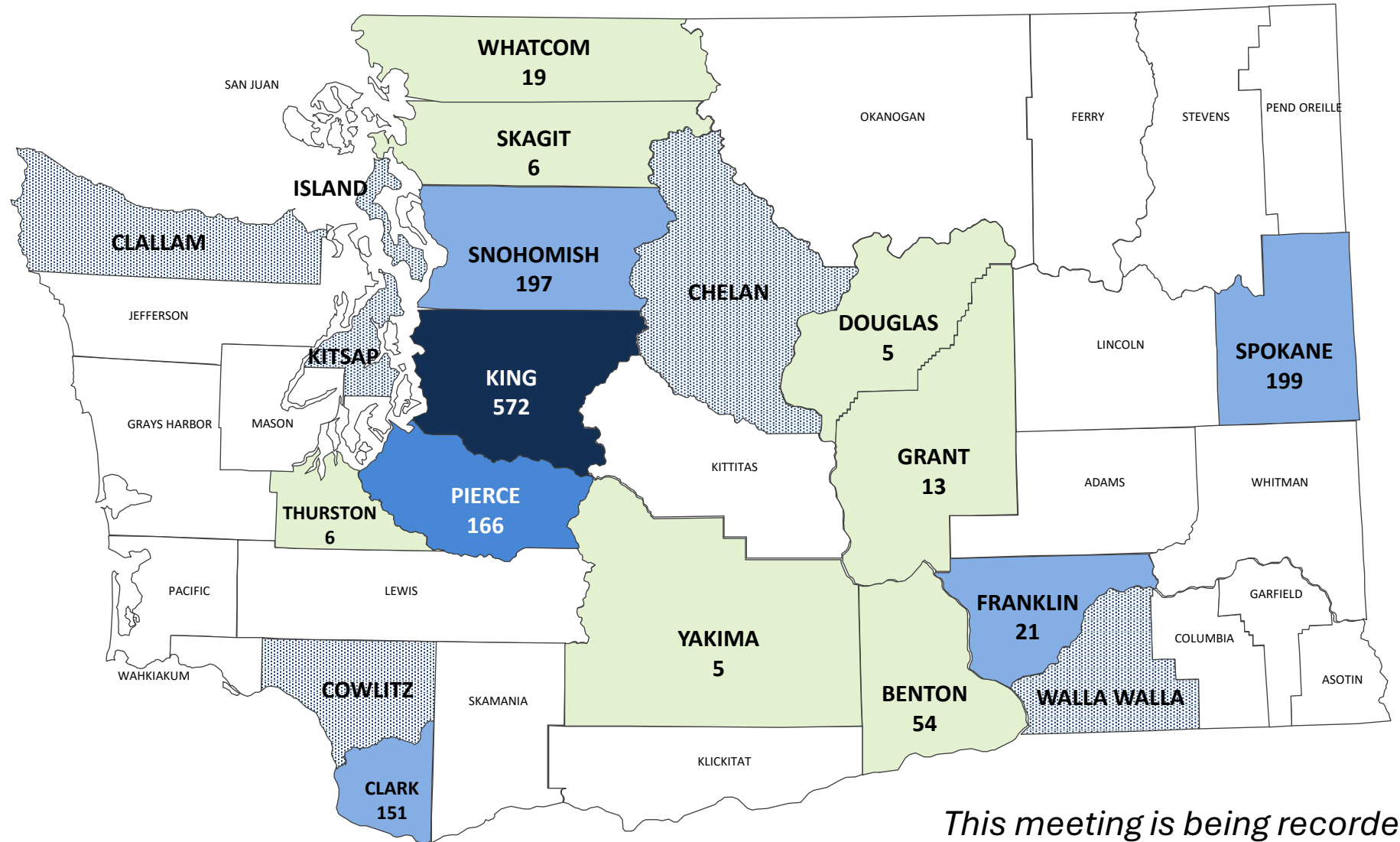
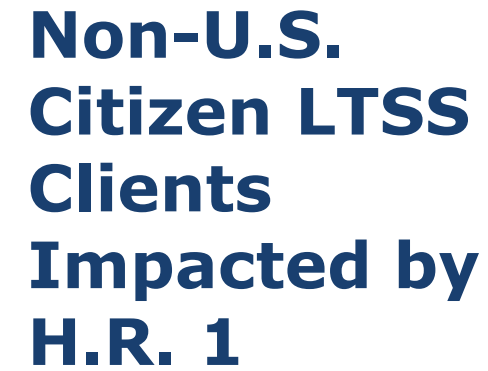
After additional review 1,665 will either maintain or no longer need services:

- 1,490 immigration status updated and maintain federal coverage
- 50 already on a state only program
- 25 deceased or closed
- 100 are children receiving DDA services and should maintain services

We can serve **approximately** 173* clients with current GF-S investment appropriated in SFY27 and carryforward plus funds from DDA's existing Adult Non-Citizens program.

This results in approximately 1,295 clients losing medical (Apple Health) & Long-Term Supports and Services

*All data points forward are estimates if noted with asterisk.



Washington State Department of Social and Health Services

New program effective 10/1/26: Limited Benefit Community Access Program(LB-CAP)

- Both Home & Community Services (HCS) and Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) program
- **Initial** program enrollment will serve all current clients (effective 7/31/26) who:
 - Reside in a residential or 24/7 care facility
 - Meet certain acuity levels for remaining slots.
- The 173 clients include 160 HCS clients and 13 DDA clients. Clients eligible for this program will continue to receive all services they are receiving on 9/30/26.
- DSHS will establish a waitlist specific to individuals impacted by H.R. 1 not initially eligible
 - Prioritized based on CARE data (acuity) and length of time on services as of 7/31/26
 - Dependent upon funding
- Once on the program the client must retain functional and financial eligibility.

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Initial Client Counts of those Covered

Setting	Clients Maintaining Services**	Clients Not Funded**
SNF	25	-
AFH	55	-
ALF	5	-
ESF	-	-
In-Home	75 HCLA + 13 DDA	Approx. 1295

**** ESTIMATES ONLY. TOTALS MAY NOT SUM AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Transitions to existing programs

WA State currently has 3 other State-funded LTSS programs:

- Non-Citizen State-Funded Long-Term Care Services
 - Limited by funding – 114 slots state-wide
 - **Currently has waitlist**
- DDA's Adult Non-Citizen Program
 - Limited by funding and 13 slots appropriated for HR1 impacted clients
 - **Currently has waitlist**
- Medical Care Services (MCS)
 - Provides a limited benefit medical coverage
 - Covers LTSS for clients in nursing facility and residential settings
 - Does not cover LTSS for in-home population
 - Must be eligible for state-funded ABD cash/HEN referral programs
 - Low financial threshold
 - **Subject to an enrollment cap**

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Area Agencies on Aging – Local Resources

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) are local organizations that contract with HCLA to provide case management and contracting of services for DSHS HCLA clients receiving in-home care.

AAAs are working to be the hub for local resources available

Examples of local resources:

- Information & Assistance by specialized staff linking to local food banks, civic organization programs, rental & utility assistance and charity care.
- Screening for state-funded Family Caregiver Supports Programs, such as Respite, durable medical equipment and supports for caregivers who will now be unpaid.
- Referrals to Older Americans Act programs, home delivered meals, medical transportation or health & wellness programs.
- Referrals to legal assistance programs including those who specialize in immigration services.
- Support connecting with a Navigator for the Health Plan Finder for medical cover and potential state subsidies.
- Connecting caregivers who will have a loss of income with CARINA a free matching services for caregivers and care receivers.



Communication to Clients

- Informational letters mailed to clients August 10th
 - No action, request to update any immigration status if not previously reported
- Official ACES Termination Notices will be mailed September 14th through HCLA PBS staff
- Planned Action Notices (PAN) will begin to be mailed September 1st they will indicate:
 - Client **has** met eligibility for Limited Benefit Community Access Program
 - Transitioned to the new program with same services they were receiving 9/30/26
 - Client **has not** met the eligibility for Limited Benefit Community Access Program
 - Will be added to the waitlist

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Provider Communication

WAC Rules – To stay updated on the department’s rulemaking please visit [Rules and Policies Assistance Unit | DSHS](#)

- Proposal Statement of Inquiry - CR 101 has been filed
- Emergency rule with permanent rule to follow
- Proposed Rule-Making Notice – CR 102 with proposed rule text will be posted by end of August

Authorizations – Cannot be entered until 10/1 due to necessary IT programming changes

Rate & Payment Structure of new State program will follow current Medicaid rates & payment structures

Assessment Details & Service Summary of client’s care plan will not change

- Updated at next assessment and will note new program name

What's next

- Needs for you as a provider?
- Ways to get out information to impacted clients?
- Legislative Report – Due 10/1/2026
 - Contains the information shared in this presentation

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Resources and Organizations



Washington Immigrant Information Center

Learn about how your health data is handled, your rights and your options.

<https://www.wa-immigrant.info/en-us>

206-672-4226



Immigration-Related Legal Services

These organizations can help you apply for a green card if you qualify for one.



Washington State Resource Tool

These programs support health, well-being and assistance for the whole family.

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