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Legislative-Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight (LEWPRO) Task Force

August 17, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 pm



Rules of Engagement

- Maintain a respectful body language, tone, and volume when sharing our opinions
- Value the many different sources of knowledge; listening to the entire message without editorializing or interrupting
- Act in ways that edify the group's self-esteem
- Seek first to understand before being understood
- Be honest and explain why
- Always assume good intentions; give people the benefit of the doubt
- Look for places to agree, connect, and support – it helps us get to better solutions
- Make it a safe environment to share – no personal attacks
- Listen to the entire message, literally, and mentally:
 - (a) don't interrupt – we are modeling respectful behavior; and
 - (b) our listening implies that we care, even if we don't agree

Housekeeping: Task Force Members

- Designated as “panelists” and will have the ability to participate
- All other attendees are muted
- Please use your reaction/hand raise buttons to ask questions, speak and vote
- Staff will count hands to determine outcome of votes

Housekeeping: Public & Non-Task Force Attendees

- Chat function is turned off
 - If you have questions during the meeting, please use the Q&A function
 - Q&A should not be used for comments or discussion
- Request to participate during 2 public comment periods by using the “raised hand” feature
- When it is your turn to speak, you will be “promoted” to panelist
- To keep us on time:
 - Green = 2 minutes remaining
 - Yellow = 1 minute remaining
 - Red = Time to move to the next speaker

Welcome & Introductions

Presented by:

Representative Mia Gregerson

33rd Legislative District

Secretary Gilma Meneses

Department of Social & Health Services

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Consent Agenda

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Consent Agenda

- Meeting agenda
- May 2023 meeting notes

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Aligning Poverty Efforts

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Presented by:

Dr. Lori Pfingst, Senior Director, DSHS

Alex Panagotacos, Director of Strategic Partnerships, DSHS

Drayton Jackson, PRWG Steering Committee Co-Chair

Juanita Maestas, PRWG Steering Committee Co-Chair

PRWG Member

Decision Matrix/Implementation Action Plan

Presented by:

Babs Roberts

Community Services Division Director, Economic Services
Administration, Department of Social & Health Services

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Decision Matrix/Implementation Action Plan

- Ranking didn't feel right
- All recommendations are important
- Draft an implementation action plan
- Preliminary findings
 - Needs additional vetting
 - Ensure alignment with Steering Committee direction
 - Strategies 2, 3, and 8

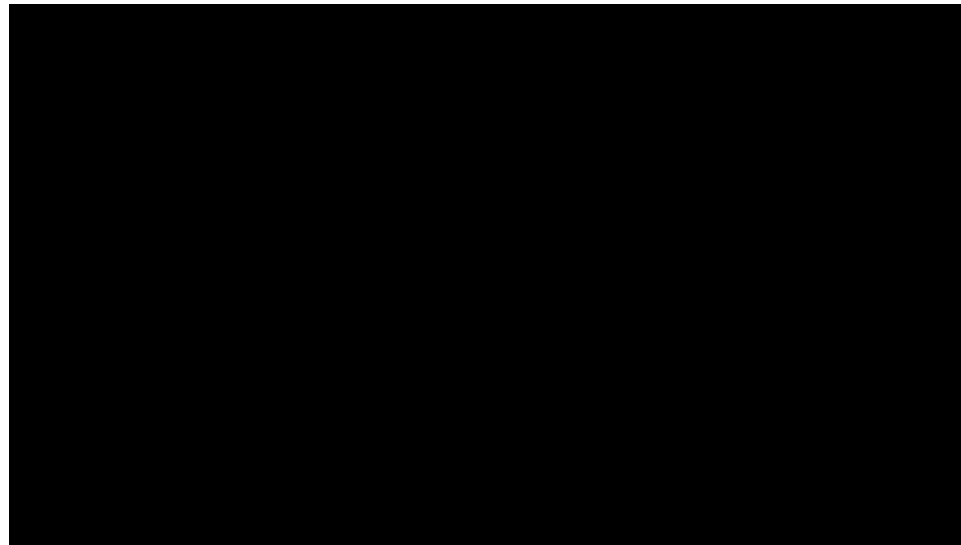
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Break time!

We'll be back in...



Possible Agency Request Legislation and Decision Packages Related to the 5-year Plan

Presented by:

Various Agency Representatives

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DCYF Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



Proposal	Connection to the 10-year Plan	Why is this important?	Next steps & what can the group do?	Other details

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COM Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



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DOC Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



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DOH Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



Proposal	Connection to the 10-year Plan	Why is this important?	Next steps & what can the group do?	Other details
Care Connect/Community Hubs	Strategies 4 and 6	Expanding a system providing community-based workers tools and resources to address social and health barriers.	Put forward to the governor's office for consideration	Ask: \$3M
Equity Through Community Engagement	Strategies 1, 2, 4, and 5	Fills the gaps from unfunded PEAR, Health Equity Zone, and community engagement mandates from the legislature	Put forward to the governor's office for consideration	Ask: \$9M

DSHS Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



Proposal	Connection to the 10-year Plan	Why is this important?	Next steps & what can the group do?	Other details
Making permanent TANF Hardship Time Limit Extensions	Strategy 6	Reduces barriers to ongoing cash assistance and reduces known disproportionality		Agency request legislation – pending approval
Increase Diversion Cash Assistance max	Strategy 6	Increase cash available to those who have a short term need		Agency request legislation – pending approval
Establish Customer Voice Council and broaden focus of local planning areas	Strategy 2	Intentionally allows for the voice of lived experience and community		Agency request legislation – pending approval
WA Fatherhood Council				
Multiple infrastructure DP requests	Strategy 6			

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ESD Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



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OSPI Agency Poverty Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session



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Public Health Unwinding

Presented by:

- Trinity Wilson, Health Care Authority

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Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwind

Legislative Executive Workfirst Poverty Reduction
Oversight Taskforce

August 17, 2023

Overview

- ▶ Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- ▶ Unwind approach
- ▶ Outreach strategy
- ▶ Renewals
 - ▶ May – June



PHE unwind

- ▶ Due to the PHE, most clients have remained covered on Apple Health (Medicaid) since March of 2020.
- ▶ Continuous eligibility requirements ended March 31, 2023. HCA resumed normal operations on April 1, 2023.
- ▶ Expecting the highest numbers of disenrollments May through July, extending 12 months to April 2024.
- ▶ Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) phases down through December 2023.
- ▶ Goal to ensure customers are provided the opportunity for continued coverage through Apple Health (Medicaid), a marketplace plan, Medicare, or employer sponsored insurance.

Unwinding strategies

- ▶ Washington has implemented the following policies to support the unwind:
 - ▶ Mitigation plan with CMS to complete ex parte renewals on all Apple Health clients
 - ▶ Adopted 1902(e)14 waiver flexibilities
 - ▶ 1115 Medicaid Transformation Project
 - Continuous eligibility for children ages 0-6
 - Extending postpartum coverage to 12 months

Outreach campaign

- ▶ Continued promotions throughout the PHE
 - ▶ Update your contact information
 - ▶ Renew your coverage
- ▶ Renewal campaign includes a variety of modalities
 - ▶ Text messaging, robo calls, postcards, notices
- ▶ Managed care plans providing client outreach
- ▶ Leveraging paid social media, TV, and radio ads
- ▶ Launched a volunteer Ambassador Program

Outreach campaign

Get Ready




New mailbox?
Make sure you
update your
Apple Health
contact info.

Washington
Apple Health

Make sure your contact information is up to date!
Visit wahealthplanfinder.org

Renew

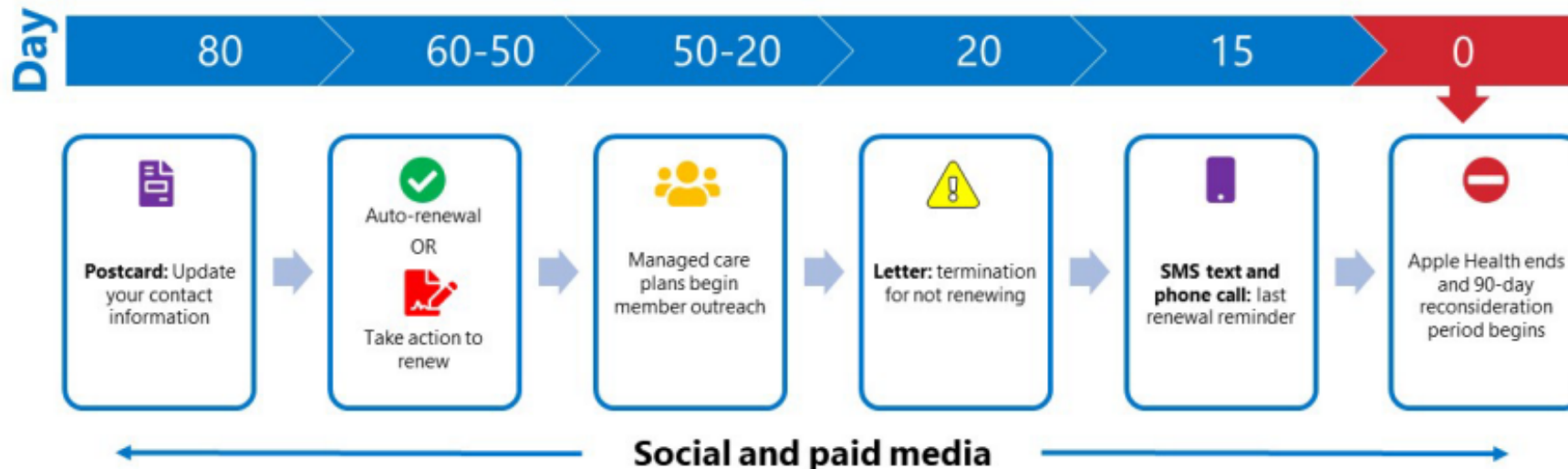



Complete your
Apple Health
eligibility review
from the comfort
of home.


Washington
Apple Health

Renew your coverage at washingtonconnection.org

Medicaid renewal campaign

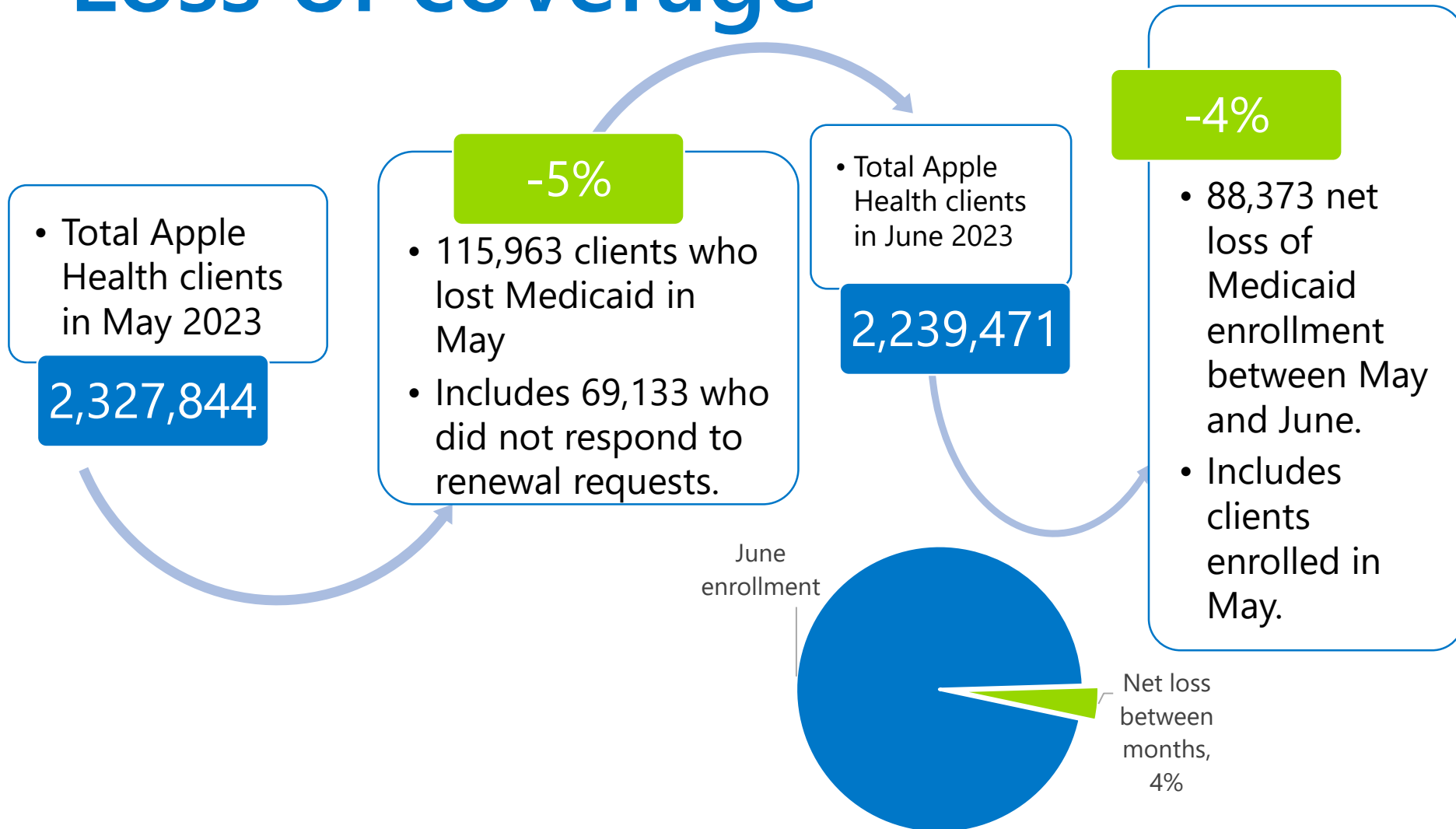


 Contact information postcard urges clients to update their address and phone number

 Clients not auto-renewed get a letter to take action to stay insured

 Clients who have not yet renewed are sent a termination letter

Loss of coverage



Transition to other coverage

- ▶ Clients terminated for not renewing can reapply for Apple Health year round.
 - ▶ 90-day reconsideration period for MAGI*
 - ▶ 30-day reconsideration period for Classic
 - ▶ Can request up to 3 months retroactive approval for unpaid medical bills.
- ▶ Loss of Apple Health is a qualifying life event that allows enrollment into other coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder, Medicare, or employer-sponsored insurance.

*Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)

Questions and contact

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Appendix

Resources

- ▶ Information on HCA's response to the PHE
 - ▶ hca.wa.gov/phe
 - ▶ Guide to Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) Post-PHE
 - ▶ Washington State renewal distribution plan
 - ▶ [Continuous enrollment unwind data*](#)
 - ▶ Understanding continuous enrollment unwind data talking points

***Source:** hca.wa.gov/assets/free-or-low-cost/apple-health-phe-unwind-enrollment-data.pdf



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Farm Bill Update

Presented by:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2023
9:00 am - noon