

## Wait List Continues to Grow

Beginning May 4, Basic Health stopped processing incoming applications to determine eligibility and officially implemented a waiting list. More than 20,000 people are on the wait list and it continues to grow rapidly. Basic Health will place new applicants on this list behind those already waiting. When space becomes available, Basic Health will notify those on the list in date-received order and provide information on how to complete the application process.

State law allows the following groups to bypass this wait list. This includes:

- Foster parents
- Personal care workers
- People who qualify for Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)
- Tribal sponsored applicants
- Certain members of the Washington National Guard or Reserves who served in specific Operations
- BH Plus and Maternity applicants who were referred to DSHS and who were deemed ineligible for DSHS programs.
- Former BH members who disenrolled due to Medicaid coverage who have since lost that coverage and notified BH within 30 days.

If you know someone that would like to get on the wait list, have them register online or call 1-800- 660-9840.

We will notify them when space becomes available.

For more information on the wait list, visit

[www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov](http://www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov).

## Basic Health Faces Disenrollment

Because of the decline in the state's economy, Basic Health must reduce enrollment for the 2009–2011 budget cycle. For the first time in our history, we must disenroll members even if they are current on their premium payments and their account is in good standing.



Since February, Basic Health has limited the number of slots available; however, more must be done to reduce enrollment.

As the legislative session wrapped up, Substitute House Bill 2341 passed, giving the Health Care Authority the

ability to set criteria for disenrollment. The bill also makes recipients of medical assistance administered by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) ineligible for Basic Health. We will disenroll members who currently receive medical assistance benefits effective August 1, 2009.

Once the criteria for other disenrollment are known, Basic Health will share this information with those affected by these changes.

  
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## Just a reminder:

- Contact your health plan about medical issues
- Contact Basic Health about your eligibility, or changes to your address, family size, or income



## Keep Your Information Up to Date

Basic Health receives returned mail. To make sure you have the most current information about Basic Health and your account, it is important that we can contact you. If you move, please remember to call us at 1-800-660-9840 to report your change of mailing address.

# New income guidelines take effect with your July coverage

Each spring, the federal government publishes new income guidelines. We use these guidelines to determine your eligibility and monthly premiums for Basic Health. Because of these new guidelines, your bill for July coverage may have shown a new monthly premium.

Any time your income or family size changes, Basic Health will determine whether it changes your “income band,” as shown on the table below. If you move to a different income band, your premium will change. Be sure to tell Basic Health about any changes to your income or family size whenever they happen.

Income Table								
Number of Persons in Family								
Gross Monthly Income	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Income Band
	\$0 – \$586.62	\$0 – \$798.20	\$0 – \$991.79	\$0 – \$1,194.37	\$0 – \$1,396.95	\$0 – \$1,599.54	\$0 – \$1,802.12	A
	586.63 – 902.49	798.21 – 1,214.16	991.80 – 1,525.83	1,194.38 – 1,837.49	1,396.96 – 2,149.16	1,599.55 – 2,460.83	1,802.13 – 2,772.49	B
	902.50 – 1,128.12	1,214.17 – 1,517.70	1,525.84 – 1,907.29	1,837.50 – 2,296.87	2,149.17 – 2,686.45	2,460.84 – 3,076.04	2,772.50 – 3,465.62	C
	1,128.13 – 1,263.49	1,517.71 – 1,699.83	1,907.30 – 2,136.16	2,296.88 – 2,572.49	2,686.46 – 3,008.83	3,076.05 – 3,445.16	3,465.63 – 3,881.49	D
	1,263.50 – 1,398.87	1,699.84 – 1,881.95	2,136.17 – 2,365.04	2,572.50 – 2,848.12	3,008.84 – 3,331.20	3,445.17 – 3,814.29	3,881.50 – 4,297.37	E
	1,398.88 – 1,534.24	1,881.96 – 2,064.08	2,365.05 – 2,593.91	2,848.13 – 3,123.74	3,331.21 – 3,653.58	3,814.30 – 4,183.41	4,297.38 – 4,713.24	F
	1,534.25 – 1,669.62	2,064.09 – 2,246.20	2,593.92 – 2,882.79	3,123.75 – 3,399.37	3,653.59 – 3,975.95	4,183.42 – 4,552.54	4,713.25 – 5,129.12	G
	1,669.63 – 1,805.09	2,246.21 – 2,428.45	2,882.80 – 3,051.81	3,399.38 – 3,675.18	3,975.95 – 4,298.54	4,552.55 – 4,921.91	5,129.13 – 5,545.27	H

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