

Recertification and tax returns

It is almost tax time again. Be prepared for your next recertification.

Basic Health is required by law to verify your income and residence at least once per year. At that time, we will require:

- A copy of your most recent IRS 1040 with all schedules.
- Proof of all income received in the past 30 days.
- Proof of your street address in Washington State.
- A signed recertification form.

When filing your 2007 tax return (1040), keep a copy of your return along with a K-1, if you receive one, and

all schedules. We will require a copy of your 2007 1040 tax form after April 15, 2008. If you do not file taxes, you will need to contact the IRS for verification of non-filing at 1-800-829-1040.

If you are receiving Social Security benefits, keep a copy of the letter you receive in December, showing your 2008 benefit amount.

If receiving benefits from any other source, keep all documents that show your name, the date, and the gross amount. If you are employed, save copies of your pay stubs.

Saving a copy of your income documents and a copy of your IRS 1040 will help you maintain your health care coverage by responding quickly and completely when you receive your recertification notice.



Coverage for kids!

A new health care program is available for children in Washington. The Children's Health Access law, which expands health care coverage to more Washington kids, is administered by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

This program covers medical, dental, vision, and many other health care services. Children currently enrolled in Basic Health or Basic Health *Plus* will not be automatically transferred to the Children's Health Access program. If you have kids, here's what to think about:

Find out which kind of coverage your child has now: Basic Health *Plus* or Basic Health.

- ✓ Kids on Basic Health *Plus* already get similar benefits at no cost. You do not need to change.
- ✓ Kids on Basic Health do not get these expanded benefits, and you are probably paying for their coverage. You do not have to change programs, but you may choose to. If so, call your doctor first to make sure he or she will still be able to see your children if you switch to this new program. (Let your doctor know it is a DSHS medical coupon program.) If you decide to change, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669). **Be sure to keep your children's Basic Health coverage until you get a letter from DSHS saying your child qualifies for the new program.**

Kids are eligible if their family's income is within the limits shown on the following table:

Total number in your family (including yourself)*	Monthly income limit for free coverage	Monthly income limit for low-cost coverage**
1	\$1,702	\$2,128
2	\$2,282	\$2,853
3	\$2,862	\$3,578
4	\$3,442	\$4,303

* If there are more than four people in your family, call 1-877-KIDS-NOW for an estimate.

** Low-cost coverage is \$15 per month, per child, up to a maximum of \$45 per month per family.

For more information, call DSHS at 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

This serves as official notice of changes to your Basic Health coverage, and is an addendum to your *Member Handbook*.

Questions about your ID cards, providers, and specific health benefits

If you have questions about your ID cards, providers, or specific health benefits, please call your health plan.

Health plan	Phone numbers	Web site	Customer service hours
Columbia United Providers, Inc.	1-800-315-7862 or 360-891-1520 TTY/TDD: 1-866-287-9962	www.cuphealth.com	Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Community Health Plan of Washington	1-800-440-1561 TTY/TDD: 1-800-833-6388	www.chpw.org	Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Group Health Cooperative	1-888-901-4636 TTY/TDD: 1-800-833-6388	www.ghc.org	Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest	1-800-813-2000 TTY/TDD: 1-800-324-8010	www.kaiserpermanente.org	Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc	1-800-869-7165 TTY/TDD: 1-877-665-4629	www.molinahealthcare.com	Mon. – Fri. 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

2008 Basic Health Member Handbook

Watch for your 2008 Basic Health Member Handbook, which will be sent to you in January. It is your certificate of coverage—the legal document that describes the Basic Health program and benefits, and outlines your rights and responsibilities.

Benefit Change

Effective January 1, 2008, durable medical equipment for home use will no longer be covered. Durable medical equipment includes items such as C-PAP machines, crutches, and ostomy supplies. These items will be covered only when you are in the hospital.

Tell a Friend!

If you know someone who needs health coverage, be sure to tell them Basic Health has space available. Anyone interested can call 1-800-660-9840 to get an application or visit www.basicealth.hca.wa.gov, or start an application online.

Cost-sharing for 2008

Remember that the deductible and out-of-pocket maximums for each covered family member will start over beginning January 1, 2008, for those benefits and services subject to a deductible and coinsurance. Other reminders about your cost-sharing responsibilities:

- In most cases, copays are \$15 for doctor visits and \$100 for emergency room visits.
- The deductible is \$150 for certain covered medical costs before your health plan pays the 80% coinsurance.

If you need help understanding a medical bill you receive or if you have specific questions about your benefits, call your health plan. (Health plan phone numbers are at the top of this page.)



To obtain this document in another format (such as Braille or audio), call our Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 360-923-2805.

TTY users (deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired), call 360-923-2701 or toll-free 1-888-923-5622.

Si desea ayuda en español, llame al 1-800-321-0291. Для обслуживания на русском языке, позвоните, пожалуйста, по телефону 1-800-387-8224. 한국어로 도움을 원하시면 1-800-324-1658로 연락하십시오. Nếu quý vị muốn được giúp bằng tiếng Việt, xin gọi số 1-800-423-2231.