

Medicaid Coverage for Children Hospitalized 30 Days

A child in a hospital for 30 days in a row (or longer) is almost always eligible for the Washington Apple Health (WAH) Long Term Family Medical Program.

Parents' income is not a factor.

Eligibility of children for Washington Apple Health (WAH) Long Term Family Medical Program (also called K01 Medicaid)

- The child, age 18 or younger, must be in a hospital or healthcare facility for at least 30 consecutive days. If the child is transferred from one facility to another – with no break spent at home with parents – days spent in each facility count toward the 30 days.
 - For children under 18 in a psychiatric facility, the stay must be at least 90 days.
 - Parents' income and assets are not counted to determine a child's K01 eligibility.
 - The child's income must be at or below 210% of the federal poverty level. As of April 1, 2017 (until April 1, 2018), that equals \$2161 per month or \$25,929 per year. **Only income in the child's name, such as SSI or child support, counts.** Child's assets are not counted.
 - A child can still be eligible for Long Term Family Medical (K01 Medicaid) even when the child is covered by parents' private health insurance. In that case, K01 Medicaid will provide secondary coverage for the costs not covered by the private insurance, like co-pays and deductibles.
- ✓ *If parents are paying monthly premiums for primary private health insurance on their child while their child is on any Medicaid program, they should apply for the [Medicaid Premium Payment Program](#). This program will pay part or all of their monthly private insurance premiums.*


- **The application process for K01 Medicaid involves coordination with the Health Care Authority.**
- **A hospital worker can take steps to help make sure the application doesn't get lost in the system.**
- **Parents can't take these same steps, so it's best to apply while the child is inpatient.**

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How to Apply for Long Term Care/Family Medical (K01 Medicaid) for your child while the child is still in the hospital

Before applying, ask the hospital social worker to help since they can take extra steps to help make sure the application doesn't get lost in the system. Parents cannot take these same steps.

Apply online at the [Washington Healthplanfinder website](#).

- In the middle column, click on the green button that says  Apple Health Coverage ▶
- If you don't have a Healthplanfinder Account, follow the instructions to create one
- Complete the Apple Health application
- **VERY IMPORTANT:** On the Additional Screening Questions page of the Apple Health application, answer yes to question asking if anyone in the household needs long-term care and indicate that you or the child is residing in a hospital or other facility setting. It looks something like this:

Do you or anyone you are applying for need help with any of the following services?

a. Long-term care services because you are currently living in or expect to move to a medical institution, like a nursing home. No Yes

If yes, enter the name of the person: _____

Type of Facility: _____

ATTENTION HOSPITAL OR OTHER INPATIENT FACILITY:

After the family has applied for AppleHealth on HealthPlanfinder it is **VERY IMPORTANT** for the hospital worker to follow the instructions outlined on the WA State Health Care Authority's Informational handout dated January 2018, entitled "Institutional Medical for Children – K01 application process" attached on last page, below.

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How to Apply for Long Term Care/Family Medical (K01 Medicaid) for your child AFTER the child is discharged


- Parents can apply for K01 Medicaid after a child is discharged, as long as it is within 3 months of the child's admission to the hospital.
- Parents cannot take the extra steps that the hospital workers can take to make sure the application doesn't get lost.

If parents learn about the Long Term Care/Family Medical (K01 Medicaid) program after their child is discharged after a 30 day stay, parents should:

- Contact the social worker or discharge planner at the hospital
- Ask social worker to do the necessary paperwork to apply for K01 so the application doesn't get lost in the system.

If the hospital social worker suggests that parents apply online at the [Washington Healthplanfinder website](#), after parents apply online, the social worker will need to follow the instructions outlined on the WA State Health Care Authority's Informational handout dated January 2018, entitled "Institutional Medical for Children - K01 application process," attached on last page, below.

Parents' steps are listed in the bullets below:

- In the middle column, click on the green button that says  Apple Health Coverage
- If you don't have a Healthplanfinder Account, follow the instructions to create one
- Complete the Apple Health application
- On the Additional Screening Questions page of the Apple Health application, **EVEN THOUGH YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN DISCHARGED**, answer yes to question that asks if anyone in the household needs long-term care and indicate that the child is residing in a hospital or other facility setting. It looks like something like this:

Do you or anyone you are applying for need help with any of the following services?

a. Long-term care services because you are currently living in or expect to move to a medical institution, like a nursing home. No Yes

If yes, enter the name of the person: _____

Type of Facility: _____