



First Friday Forum

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Looking Ahead: Maternal Health Outcomes (SB 5580)

- By 1 November 2024, **expands income eligibility** for Apple Health pregnancy/ postpartum coverage to 210% of the Federal Poverty Level
- By 1 January 2026, HCA must create a **post-delivery and transitional care** program for extended postdelivery hospital care for people with a SUD at the time of delivery.
- Also by 1 January 2026, **updates Maternity Support Services Program** to address perinatal outcomes and increase equity and healthier birth outcomes

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5580&Year=2023>

DACA access to Apple Health Expansion & APTC

- July 2024: DACA recipients can be covered in AHE
- November 2024: DACA recipients gain access to APTCs
- December 2024: DACA coverage with APTCs can start

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-policies-increase-access-health-coverage-daca-recipients>

You're invited! Thursday, 27 June noon to 1

[Join NoHLA](#) Deputy Director Emily Brice, Senior Policy Advocate Lee Che Leong, and our partners as we discuss the national landscape, recent court cases, and what we must do in Washington to meaningfully expand and protect access to reproductive health care.



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TWO YEARS POST-ROE:

**OUR CURRENT REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH LEGAL LANDSCAPE**



Charity Care Reminders

- There is **no citizenship or residency requirement** to access charity care
- **Hospitals cannot consider your primary home or its value** when determining eligibility for charity care
- Charity care applies to what an individual is told to pay – **including deductibles, coinsurance, and copays**
- DOH rulemaking is still pending to implement changes from earlier legislative sessions, so the best source of accurate information on charity care is the statute: [RCW 70.170.060](#)

<https://www.atg.wa.gov/charitycare>