Opening Doors To Healthcare

Health care remains complicated and unaffordable for the majority of Americans. Our mission is to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities by ensuring pathways to health services for Pierce County residents in need.



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Landscape of public health in WA

- The Affordable Care Act
 - Increased access to health insurance to most people
 - Extended Medicaid coverage for many
- WA Office of the Insurance Commissioner data for the uninsured

February 2020: 5.5% (~49,000 individuals)

Impact of Covid 19 *May 2020*: **12.7%** (~113,250 individuals)

February 2021: 5.2%

• Those without citizenship status remain without options



- Charitable health care
- Network of 700+ medical providers
- Primary, specialty and ancillary services
- Project Access assigns the doctor and coordinates care for the patient



Premium Assistance

- Monthly premium sponsorship
- Enrolled members pay for their own co-pays, deductibles and co-insurance
- Members may choose their own silver plan
- Members may choose their own doctor



Who is eligible?

- ✓ Residents of Pierce County
- ✓ Households with an income of <300% FPL
 (\$52,260 for a family of 2)
- ✓ Uninsured individuals
- * There is no citizenship requirement for this program



Premium Assistance

Who is eligible?

- ✓ Residents of Pierce County
- ✓ Households with an income of <500% FPL (\$87,100 for a family of 2)
- ✓ Those who file taxes each year
- ✓ Those without another affordable option for health insurance
- ✓ Those who have a citizenship status that allows them to purchase a policy on WA HealthPlanFinder



Limitations

- X We are not a clinic
- X Medications or durable medical equipment
- X Emergency room or urgent care
- X Inpatient/hospitalizations
- X Some network gaps to include certain specialties or sub-specialties



Premium Assistance

Limitations

- ✓ PCPA sponsors premiums <u>only</u>
- ✓ Members must use their health insurance <u>at least</u> for preventive care
 - We encourage all members to have an established PCP

Limitations for the homeless / at-risk population

Successful enrollments have excellent communication and follow-through.

If the patient or member is not willing or able to meet these expectations, there is very little we can do to help.



Upon screening, we may ask for:

- ✓ Proof of income
- ✓ Proof of Pierce County residence
- ✓ A specialty referral and charts from primary care

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Premium Assistance

Upon screening, we may ask for:

- ✓ Proof of income
- ✓ Proof of Pierce County residence
- ✓ Information about your current health policy or eligibility for a special enrollment period

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Patients may also apply on our website

www.pcprojectaccess.org/need-help

Q&A

Q: From your perspective, are there strategies we can incorporate into our daily interaction with our neighbors in need?

A:

Q: Are you open to going to other community locations (e.g., food banks) to connect with those who need information?

A:

Other questions?

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