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**ABS024 Recommendation Summary**  
**Wash State Health Care Authority**  
**2024 First Supplemental Budget Session**  
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	Average Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
CB T0PL Current Biennium Base	1,578.4	7,482,275	22,300,522	29,782,797
<b>2023-25 Current Biennium Total</b>	<b>1,578.4</b>	<b>7,482,275</b>	<b>22,300,522</b>	<b>29,782,797</b>
<b>Total Carry Forward Level</b>	<b>1,578.4</b>	<b>7,482,275</b>	<b>22,300,522</b>	<b>29,782,797</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.0%	.0%	.0%	.0%
<b>Maintenance – Other Changes</b>				
ML41 CPE Hold Harmless Adjustment	0.0	0	0	0
ML93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments	0.0	0	0	0
ML96 Utilization Changes	0.0	0	0	0
MLAA QAF Maintenance Level	0.0	0	3,887	3,887
MLAB Indian Hlth Reinvstmnt Acct Savings	0.0	0	0	0
MLAD 1115 IMD Waiver Costs	0.0	548	(820)	(272)
MLAE NEMT/Interpreter Svcs Vendor Admin	0.0	5,651	8,471	14,122
MLAF Technical Corrections	0.0	2,266	(560,652)	(558,386)
MLAG Medicaid Expenditures	4.3	417	553	970
MLWE ACES M&O Costs	0.0	0	1,719	1,719
MLWF Maintain Software Capabilities	0.0	0	2,068	2,068
MLZN SOC Audit SAO Requirement	0.0	26	73	99
MLZP MQIP Waiver Program	0.0	0	33,257	33,257
MLZQ Naloxone Purchasing/Distribution	1.5	401	55	456
MLZR BH Personal Care - 1915i Waiver	2.0	28,416	54,957	83,373
MLZS Restore Program Integrity Savings	0.0	106,900	237,900	344,800
MLZT Equifax Income Data Sources	0.0	412	1,238	1,650
MLZU Involuntary Treatment Staff	3.6	920	0	920
MLZV FCS Adm/M'caid Rent Assist & Rates	1.0	0	18,748	18,748
MLZW Long-Term Civil Commitment Beds	0.0	7,781	(43,509)	(35,728)
MLZX Hospital Safety Net Assessment	0.0	0	0	0
MLZY IMD Federal Waiver	0.0	(11,674)	0	(11,674)
MLZZ Missing WSIPP Funding	0.0	104	37	141
<b>Maintenance – Other Total</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>142,168</b>	<b>(242,018)</b>	<b>(99,850)</b>
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	<b>1,590.6</b>	<b>7,624,443</b>	<b>22,058,504</b>	<b>29,682,947</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium	.8%	1.9%	(1.1)%	(.3)%
PL XQ Admin Support Staff: HR & Audit	2.5	281	427	708
<b>Policy – Other Changes</b>				
PL WA HBE WAH Redeterminations	0.0	1,495	2,638	4,133
PL WB Security and Disaster Recovery	0.0	0	1,926	1,926
PL WC Consumer Experience and Access	0.0	0	2,822	2,822
PL WD HBE AH Expansion	0.0	618	0	618
PL XA Public Hlth Emrgncy Unwind Expenses	59.6	6,695	6,696	13,391
PL XB Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0	4.4	0	452,989	452,989
PL XF Continuous Elig for CHIP Ages 0 - 6	0.0	1,169	2,168	3,337

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PL XG	Reentry Services	0.0	128	121,716	121,844
PL XH	LTSS Waiver Program	0.0	0	(56,107)	(56,107)
PL XJ	AH Expansion - Admin Costs	12.2	5,267	219	5,486
PL XK	PEBB & SEBB UMP Benefit Changes	0.0	0	1,505	1,505
PL XN	Tribal Administration	2.6	638	324	962
PL XP	Increase Rates for 90-180 Day Beds	0.0	15,977	12,788	28,765
PL XR	Reimbursement for Initial OB Visit	0.7	1,823	2,027	3,850
PL XT	Apple Hlth Eyeglasses for Adults	0.0	1,178	2,333	3,511
PL XU	BH Data Collection & Management	8.5	3,121	454	3,575
PL XW	Durable Med Equipment Rate Increase	0.0	3,179	3,739	6,918
PL XY	Hlth Equity Resources	2.6	689	689	1,378
PL XZ	MOUD in Jails Program	0.7	7,280	81	7,361
PL ZA	AH Contract Reprocurement/Oversight	2.6	811	1,053	1,864
PL ZB	Peer Bridger Expansion	0.0	2,455	0	2,455
PL ZC	Clinical Contract Cost Increases	0.0	258	146	404
PL ZD	FFS Prior Auth Modernization Plan	3.9	434	881	1,315
PL ZE	PEBB & SEBB Program Staff Resources	2.6	0	606	606
PL ZF	New Journeys Expansion	0.0	(97)	(124)	(221)
PL ZG	PACT Stabilization	0.7	15,666	9,414	25,080
PL ZH	IBHTF Operations & Tech Assistance	0.0	3,875	0	3,875
PL ZJ	Hlth Care Cost Transparency Board	3.9	686	1,047	1,733
PL ZK	Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Settlement	0.0	6,840	7,728	14,568
PL ZM	WACares Program Implementation	2.0	0	575	575
<b>Policy – Other Total</b>		<b>106.7</b>	<b>80,185</b>	<b>580,333</b>	<b>660,518</b>
<b>Subtotal - Policy Level Changes</b>		<b>109.2</b>	<b>80,466</b>	<b>580,760</b>	<b>661,226</b>
<b>2023-25 Total Policy Level</b>		<b>1,699.8</b>	<b>7,704,909</b>	<b>22,639,264</b>	<b>30,344,173</b>
Percent Change from Current Biennium		7.7%	3.0%	1.5%	1.9%

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**ML 41 CPE Hold Harmless Adjustment**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request for the 2024 Supplemental budget to align its appropriations with updated projected costs for the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) program and federal disproportionate share hospital (DSH) distributions. The update will be completed upon finalization of the October 2023 medical assistance expenditures forecast. This adjustment ensures that agency appropriations are adequate to support updated cost projections for CPE hospital hold harmless grants and DSH cost settlement payments.

**ML 93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request for the 2024 Supplemental budget to align its biennial medical assistance and community behavioral health services appropriations with the anticipated Apple Health client caseloads to be assumed in the October 2023 caseload forecast. The agency's current appropriations are based upon an older February 2023 forecast. Therefore, once the October 2023 caseload forecast is complete, the amounts reflected in this request will be the anticipated expenditure change created by different forecasted caseload assumptions.

**ML 96 Utilization Changes**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request for the 2024 Supplemental budget to align its biennial medical assistance and community behavioral health services appropriations with the anticipated Apple Health service utilization costs to be assumed in the October 2023 health care expenditures projections. The agency's current appropriations are based upon older projections completed in February 2023. Therefore, once the October 2023 projections are complete, the amounts reflected in this request will be the anticipated expenditure change created by different forecasted service utilization assumptions.

**ML AA QAF Maintenance Level**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to align budget appropriations with the anticipated costs to support the Ambulance Transport Quality Assurance Fee program.

**ML AB Indian Hlth Reinvstmnt Acct Savings**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request for the 2024 Supplemental budget to align budget appropriations from the Indian Health Improvement Reinvestment Account (the Account) with projected state savings that would result from federal policy changes announced in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Health Official letter, numbered 16-002. This letter indicates the state may receive higher federal revenue to cover the cost of certain health services provided to Medicaid-eligible tribal members. RCW 43.71B requires these savings to be transferred into the Account and reinvested to support the health of tribal communities.

**ML AD 1115 IMD Waiver Costs**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests a shift in state and federal appropriations in the 2024 Supplemental budget to cover the costs that exceed the Medicaid inpatient upper payment limit (UPL).

**ML AE NEMT/Interpreter Svcs Vendor Admin**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to increase the administrative funding to support the Interpreter Services (IS) program vendor and the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) brokers. Both are essential to removing barriers to health equity.

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**ML    AF    Technical Corrections**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to correct various technical issues in the enacted 2023-2025 biennium budget.

**ML    AG    Medicaid Expenditures**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to support the Apple Health provider enrollment and internal control activities driven by recent state legislation. These new laws require licensure, certification, and interstate compact changes for new and existing Apple Health provider types, as well as added requirements to establish new workstreams to create, establish, and monitor the addition of internal controls.

**ML    WE    ACES M&O Costs**

The Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests additional funding in the 2024 Supplemental budget to for Washington Healthplanfinder's (HPF) share of increased cost associated with DSHS's ACES Complex. This complex, which is also used by Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF) to make eligibility determinations for Apple Health and Qualified Health Plan applicants, has seen an increase in costs for Maintenance and Operations than cannot be supported within existing resources.

**ML    WF    Maintain Software Capabilities**

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests additional funding to support increased costs of essential software the Exchange currently uses. The Exchange depends on third party technology to deliver customer-focused services. Based on recent experience and industry projections, the Exchange has seen these annual maintenance and licensing costs increase by as much as 10 percent, and this funding request supports ongoing maintenance and operations of the Exchange's IT systems and software.

**ML    ZN    SOC Audit SAO Requirement**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to require its Apple Health payment system (ProviderOne or P1) vendor to expand its annual Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements Number 18 (SSAE-18) audit to cover a 12-month period instead of a six-month period. This need is driven by the Washington State Auditor's Office, who identified this shortcoming. The SSAE-18 audit requires HCA's P1 vendor to demonstrate that it has adequate controls and privacy/security safeguards in place for hosting and processing sensitive Apple Health data for a continuous 12-month period.

**ML    ZP    MQIP Waiver Program**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests a routine adjustment in the 2024 Supplemental budget to align the federal spending authority to support its Medicaid Quality Improvement Program (MQIP) waiver program to the expected federal waiver revenue authorized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**ML    ZQ    Naloxone Purchasing/Distribution**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to contract with a clearinghouse to implement the state's naloxone bulk purchasing and distribution program as required in state statute. The requested resources will allow the agency to run a competitive procurement to solicit bids for this work.

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**ML    ZR    BH Personal Care - 1915i Waiver**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to comply with the provisions of current budget law, which requires HCA to negotiate a tiered rate structure for behavioral health personal care services for adult family home providers serving Medicaid enrollees. This funding is necessary to implement and administer this requirement.

**ML    ZS    Restore Program Integrity Savings**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to reduce the program integrity cost savings currently assumed in HCA's existing 2023-2025 biennium budget. The current savings assumptions are too aggressive and as a result, it is anticipated that the existing budget is insufficient to cover projected Apple Health costs.

**ML    ZT    Equifax Income Data Sources**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to continue the use of Equifax's Commercial Source of Income (CSI) system. This data source, which is used in the state's Healthplanfinder eligibility system to verify the income of Apple Health applicants, is currently cost free. However, starting July 1, 2024, the state will be required to pay to use the CSI system.

**ML    ZU    Involuntary Treatment Staff**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to extend temporary behavioral health positions into ongoing, permanent roles and to provide administrative assistance to existing activities. These staff are needed to continue to support the Stanwood Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) project, the National 988 System project, and existing efforts surrounding the Involuntary Treatment Act and other crisis services.

**ML    ZV    FCS Adm/M'caid Rent Assist & Rates**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to increase Foundational Community Support (FCS) staff capacity. The existing Medicaid Transformation waiver workload require additional staff capacity to refer more individuals to FCS Supportive Housing and Support Employment services prior to discharge from institutional settings.

**ML    ZW    Long-Term Civil Commitment Beds**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests an adjustment in the 2024 Supplemental budget align its biennial appropriations with projected expenditures for individuals on 90- to 180-day civil commitment orders served in community settings.

**ML    ZX    Hospital Safety Net Assessment**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request for the 2024 Supplemental budget to align its appropriations with updated projected costs for the Hospital Safety Net Assessment (HSNA) Program, which supports anticipated safety net grant payments and payments on managed care premiums for clients covered under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

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**ML    ZY    IMD Federal Waiver**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests an adjustment to align appropriations with projected expenditures to support required monitoring and evaluation, health information technology (HIT), and staffing costs necessary for the implementation and maintenance of the 1115 Mental Health Institute of Mental Disease (MH IMD) Waiver. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) deliverables require significant and intensive reporting and monitoring work and HIT improvements to enable the exchange and use of information at the point of care to meet milestones associated with the 1115 MF waiver.

**ML    ZZ    Missing WSIPP Funding**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to correct a funding issue from Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill (E2SSB) 5536 (Controlled substances). The legislation directs HCA to contract with the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the Recovery Navigator programs (RNP) and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programs. However, no funding was provided to cover the costs of the study.

**PL    XQ    Admin Support Staff: HR & Audit**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to address the growing demands on its Human Resources office to recruit and hire new staff to meet the demands of new legislative policies. In addition, the growing frequency and complexity of external audits require additional staff support.

**PL    WA    HBE WAH Redeterminations**

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests additional funding to support increased costs resulting from Medicaid redeterminations and anticipated increased year-round utilization of the customer support center. Further, enrollment assisters and community partners are requesting additional support tools to improve continuous coverage for Washingtonians transitioning between health insurance programs.

**PL    WB    Security and Disaster Recovery**

The Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests funding to procure expertise and technology to ensure the ongoing success of its Security Program into the future to safeguard services, protect customers, and ensure continuity of operations in the event of a major system event and outage. The Exchange as a public-serving organization, must maintain a robust IT security and disaster recovery program. To do this, the Exchange needs to remain diligent and regularly assess, adjust, and invest in protection, detection, response, and recovery capabilities to proactively monitor systems, thwart potential threats, and respond to and quickly recover from attacks should they occur.

**PL    WC    Consumer Experience and Access**

The Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests funding to continue current Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF) development and enhancement activities to address technical development backlogs, improve HPF features for customers, and to meet ongoing federal and state policies and programs to improve access and affordability of health insurance for Washingtonians.

**PL    WD    HBE AH Expansion**

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The Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) requests funding to support implementation of the legislatively mandated expansion of the Apple Health (AH) medical assistance program. As recent Health Care Authority (HCA) program and policy decisions have been made regarding the expansion, and enrollment estimates have been updated, resource needs have been identified to support program transitions, enrollment tracking and management, customer outreach and messaging that will change throughout the plan year.

**PL    XA    Public Hlth Emrgncy Unwind Expenses**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) submits a placeholder request to obtain additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to cover the administrative costs to unwind the growth of Apple Health enrollment that occurred during the COVID 19 pandemic and the ongoing costs of compliance-related eligibility program alignment. During the pandemic the federal government restricted HCA from disenrolling Apple Health enrollees, even for those no longer eligible under normal Medicaid rules. With the end of the national public health emergency, federal regulations require HCA to manually redetermine every enrollee's eligibility and assist disenrolled clients to find other sources of health care coverage.

**PL    XB    Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to implement, operate, and administer the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) 2.0 programs.

**PL    XF    Continuous Elig for CHIP Ages 0 - 6**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to provide continuous health care eligibility for Apple Health children, six years of age and younger, enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP, Title 21 of the Social Security Act). Legislature already approved continuous eligibility for the same demographic of Apple Health children enrolled in the Medicaid program (Title 19).

**PL    XG    Reentry Services**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to support pre-release and reentry services and the reentry capacity building program. The reentry capacity building program will fund the infrastructure that prepares communities and facilities (prisons, jails, and juvenile rehabilitation centers) to implement the limited pre-release and reentry services authorized by CMS.

**PL    XH    LTSS Waiver Program**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests an adjustment in the 2024 Supplemental budget to align the federal spending authority to support its Long-Term Support and Services (LTSS) waiver program to the expected federal waiver revenue authorized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**PL    XJ    AH Expansion - Admin Costs**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) request additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to cover additional administrative costs to implement the legislatively mandated Medicaid look-alike program that shall provide health care coverage to uninsured individuals, regardless of immigration status. While the 2023--2025 biennium budget contains appropriations for additional staff and community outreach and engagement, implementation costs will also include actuarial support, information technology systems, and project management support.

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**PL    XK    PEBB & SEBB UMP Benefit Changes**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional funding in the 2024 Supplemental budget to align certain benefit offerings between the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) program and the School Employees' Benefits Board (SEBB) program to achieve greater health equity, increase administrative efficiencies, and maintain competitive benefit packages for both public and school employees and retirees.

**PL    XN    Tribal Administration**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to expand its health program operations to include Urban Indian Health Programs by creating the Urban Indian Health State-Fund Only Administrative Claiming Program.

**PL    XP    Increase Rates for 90-180 Day Beds**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to enhance two reimbursement rates paid to 90 and 180-day involuntary civil commitment bed providers. The first proposed increase improves access to involuntary services for complex, difficult-to-place individuals with extensive needs. The second proposed rate increase eliminates the existing discrepancy between the fee-for-service and managed care daily bed reimbursement rates paid to free-standing evaluation and treatment providers.

**PL    XR    Reimbursement for Initial OB Visit**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to improve the health outcomes for the state's Apple Health pregnant population by identifying pregnancies earlier. This proposal would extract current obstetric (OB) costs from managed care rates and require the initial OB visit provider to timely inform HCA of Apple Health pregnancies by billing for reimbursement through fee-for-service. Additional supports can then be targeted toward these clients throughout their prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum periods.

**PL    XT    Apple Hlth Eyeglasses for Adults**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to provide a vision hardware benefit for Apple Health adults, starting January 2025. Currently, Apple Health covers the cost of eye examinations for this population, but it does not cover the cost of eyeglasses to correct diagnosed problems that may be identified in those examinations.

**PL    XU    BH Data Collection & Management**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to improve its behavioral health data collection, validation, and reporting abilities. Recent legislative mandates require HCA to report utilization on more than 25 behavioral health programs. Some of these programs require additional data and reporting infrastructure to accommodate these expectations.

**PL    XW    Durable Med Equipment Rate Increase**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to ensure that Medicaid rates for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) services do not fall below Medicare's rates.



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**PL XY Hlth Equity Resources**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to improve health equity in the Medical Assistance, Community Behavioral Health, Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) programs. HCA needs additional staff to oversee interagency collaboration, community engagement, employee training, and external relationship management.

**PL XZ MOUD in Jails Program**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to address an anticipated budget shortfall to support the medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) programs that currently exist in 19 city, county and tribal jails. Additional resources are also requested to expand this program to more city, county and tribal jails.

**PL ZA AH Contract Reprocurement/Oversight**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to support the repurchase and oversight of all Apple Health managed care contracts. Substantive federal regulatory changes, as well as state legislative mandates, create the need to re-evaluate and repurchase the existing managed care contractual arrangements to ensure compliance with federal expectations. The additional requested resources also support the state's increased oversight responsibilities to ensure contractors are compliant with the stricter quality standards.

**PL ZB Peer Bridger Expansion**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to increase the number of peer bridgers in regions with large hospital censuses. The current lack of peer bridgers is a barrier to the successfully transitioning of civil patients from Western and Eastern State Hospitals to more appropriate non-institutional, community settings.

**PL ZC Clinical Contract Cost Increases**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to cover clinical contract increases due to the increased demand for health care services. These contracts support the Perinatal Psychiatry Consultation Line (PPCL), the Partnership Access Line (PAL) Carrier Assessment, various contractual activities to support pharmacy operations, and orthodontic services prior authorizations.

**PL ZD FFS Prior Auth Modernization Plan**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to implement new technology solutions to support the modernization of the Apple Health prior authorization process, as required in the unanimously passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1357 (Chapter 382, 2023). While this bill only requires the changes for Apple Health's managed care populations, service coverage inequities will result unless HCA develops the necessary technology to implement similar prior authorization policies for its Apple Health fee-for-service populations.

**PL ZE PEBB & SEBB Program Staff Resources**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to support various needs in the administration of the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) programs. These resources will increase responsiveness to retirees, improve customer and stakeholder satisfaction and promote long-term retention of staff with specialized knowledge.

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**PL    ZF    New Journeys Expansion**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to expand the New Journeys Program. HCA is developing an encounter rate for coordinated specialty care (CSC) together with Mercer and TriWest to ensure these recovery supports are available to those that need them. This work follows the national trends and stages the work for the future by providing Medicaid scaffolding.

**PL    ZG    PACT Stabilization**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to stabilize the state's Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT). This program – which supports teams of multidisciplinary health care professionals to assist individuals in the community as they recover from severe behavioral health disorders – has been destabilized due to high rates of turnover and an increased complexity of cases driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and opioid crisis.

**PL    ZH    IBHTF Operations & Tech Assistance**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to provide start-up support to new Intensive Behavioral Health Treatment Facilities (IBHTF). The 2023-2025 biennium budget does not include funding to provide the level of support to necessary to sustain this expanding provider category. Additional state support will allow these new facilities to remain financially solvent and provide training and technical assistance.

**PL    ZJ    Hlth Care Cost Transparency Board**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to help HCA ingest, analyze, and contextualize data to allow agency leaders and state policymakers to make informed decisions about new and innovative policies to control costs.

**PL    ZK    Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Settlement**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to increase the Apple Health pharmacy professional dispensing fee. This would help ensure federal approval of a revised State Plan Amendment, which is necessary in order to continue receiving federal Medicaid revenue for pharmacy services.

**PL    ZM    WACares Program Implementation**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) requests additional financial resources in the 2024 Supplemental budget to support its role in the implementation of the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Act, which created the WA Cares program. HCA's ProviderOne payment system, which is currently programmed to support Apple Health provider payments, must now be reprogrammed to also process WA Cares claims; track, authorize and coordinate benefits; and support WA Cares providers.

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