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**Subject:** HCA & WHBE Training Clarification

I've had a few questions today about the training presentation yesterday and thought it would be useful to clarify. Please feel free to share widely.

There are two types of training coming up, and each has a Tribal specific track or a community based track.

## 1. **Tribal Informational Sessions: Health Benefit Exchange – Medicaid Expansion**

Broad overview for all Tribal health staff. Staff that are going to attend the Certified Tribal Assisters training are also welcome to attend this training if they need the broad overview. 2 Tracks: You can attend either the Tribal specific or the community based, but the Tribal specific sessions will include everything from the community based sessions plus the additional considerations for Tribes.

- a. Tribal specific - save the date and registration sent out recently ([see attachment #1 for revised dates](#))
- b. Community based (not Tribal specific) ([see attachment #2](#))

## 2. **Certified Tribal Assisters**

This is the training for your staff to become Certified Tribal Assisters (to help people through the *healthplanfinder* portal). Again, your staff can attend either track, but the Tribal specific track will include additional information for Tribes.

- a. Tribal specific – [still being developed, Sheryl Lowe will share information when it is available](#)
- b. Community based, offered by one of ten In-Person Assister Lead Organizations <http://www.wahbexchange.org/info-you/person-assisters/>

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# Save the Dates!



## The Affordable Care Act in Washington State: Health Benefit Exchange - Medicaid Expansion Tribal Informational Sessions

The American Indian Health Commission, the WA Health Benefit Exchange, and the WA Health Care Authority have partnered to provide seven (7) regional Tribal and urban Indian Health Organizations sessions on the Washington *Healthplanfinder* at the following locations. Each session will be from **9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

- Yakama Legends Casino, Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Swinomish Casino and Lodge, Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Little Creek Casino Resort, Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Northern Quest Casino, Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Quinault Casino Resort, Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Emerald Queen Casino, Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>
- Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> *(Revised date!)*

This training will help participants understand the upcoming policy changes enacted under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and provide a demonstration of the Washington *Healthplanfinder* web portal. The training will focus on explaining key concepts of the ACA such as:

- Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)
- Special protections and provisions for AI/AN applicants in Qualified Health Plans
- MAGI Medicaid vs. “Classic” Medicaid
- Streamlined application through the Washington *Healthplanfinder*

These sessions are intended for Tribal health directors/Tribal health business office staff, clinic and health program staff, health committee/commission members, social service/behavioral health directors and staff, and interested Tribal leaders/Administrators to provide a broad overview of the new system/web portal that will be used to enroll American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and their families in Medicaid and/or in Qualified Health Plans through the Insurance Marketplace. . These sessions will not fulfill the In-Person Assister Training that will be required of staff interested in becoming Certified Tribal Assisters, to help AI/AN enroll in Medicaid or Qualified Health Plans in the *Healthplanfinder*. A separate bulletin will be issued to announce the additional Tribal Assister certification training that is being provided by the AIHC.

To register, each participant must complete the attached registration form and email the form to Lou Schmitz, AIHC Staff Consultant, at [lou.schmitz@aihc-wa.com](mailto:lou.schmitz@aihc-wa.com). **Space is limited, so please email your registration early; at minimum, two weeks prior to your chosen session.**



## HBE-AIHC-HCA Tribal Information Sessions Registration Form

Please select one date/location and return this completed registration form ASAP to confirm your participation in this one day training. A confirmation of your enrollment will be sent via email sharing the date, location and additional meeting details for your selected event.

| <b>Date</b>                   | <b>Location</b>  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, September 4, 2013  | Yakama Legends Casino  |
| Tuesday, September 10, 2013   | Swinomish Casino and Lodge                                     |
| Thursday, September 12, 2013  | Little Creek Casino Resort (Squaxin Island)                    |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2013 | Northern Quest Casino in Spokane (Kalispel)                    |
| Tuesday, September 24, 2013   | Quinault Casino Resort   |
| Thursday, September 26, 2013  | Emerald Queen Casino (Puyallup)                                |
| Wednesday, October 2, 2013    | The Jamestown Family Health Clinic (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe) |

**Date/Location:**

**Participant Name:**

**Job Title:**

**Tribe/Organization Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone #:**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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## Health Care Authority opens new classes in Everett, Seattle and Tacoma for community-based training

OLYMPIA – Washington State’s Health Care Authority opened three new community-based training classes in three Western Washington cities next month, responding to a wave of registrations by health care reform volunteers in urban areas of the I-5 corridor.



The new classes will be in Everett on September 11; Seattle on September 13; and Tacoma on September 25.

| Date/Location/Capacity  |                        |                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 8/26 – Kennewick – FULL | 9/5 – Vancouver - FULL | 9/19 – Port Angeles  |
| 8/27 – Yakima – FULL    | 9/6 – Seattle - FULL   | 9/20 – Bremerton     |
| 8/28 – Spokane – FULL   | 9/10 – Hoquiam         | 9/23 – Moses Lake    |
| 8/29 – Colville         | 9/11 – Everett -- NEW  | 9/24 – Sunnyside     |
| 8/29 – Pullman          | 9/12 – Everett - FULL  | 9/25 – Tacoma -- NEW |
| 8/30 – Wenatchee        | 9/13 – Seattle - NEW   | 9/26 – Spokane       |
| 9/3 – Tacoma – FULL     | 9/16 – Kelso           | 9/27 – Okanogan      |
| 9/4 – Olympia           | 9/18 – Bellingham      | 9/30 – Puyallup      |

To register, volunteers must email HCA a copy of the registration form ([www.hca.wa.gov](http://www.hca.wa.gov)). The volunteers will be trained on eligibility changes coming to Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. They will learn how to assist an individual applying for health care coverage in the new web portal opening October 1..

The web portal and new eligibility rules under the Affordable Care Act, the new federal health care reform law, are expected to spur a dramatic expansion of Medicaid/Apple Health on January 1, 2014. The changes should add up to 325,000 new clients next year.

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The training is targeted at health providers, clinics, hospitals or members of other community-based organizations. The HCA training will focus on Medicaid and the new Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) policies that will apply to Washington Apple Health Family, Children, Pregnancy and the New Adult medical programs.

Under the ACA, adults qualify for Medicaid if their income is below 138 percent of the federal poverty level – or about \$27,000 for a family of three. (Children qualify for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs at much higher incomes, up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.)

Trainees who complete the full one-day HCA training, pass a Washington State Patrol background check and sign a Confidentiality Statement will receive a personal Healthplanfinder log-in ID. This enhanced access will allow community partners to help applicants' track their process through final approval.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR BACKGROUND:**

The Medicaid Expansion 2014 website: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me>

The Health Benefits Exchange website: [www.WAHBExchange.org](http://www.WAHBExchange.org)

New Wahealthplanfinder outreach toolkit: <http://www.wahbexchange.org/info-you/partners>

Community-based training registration form <http://www.hca.wa.gov>

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**Coverage  
is Here**

*Beginning October 1, Washington residents will be able to apply for health care coverage in the new health insurance marketplace, [Washington Healthplanfinder](#).*