



Basic Health Option

The Right Option for Washington State

Right now, Washington State lawmakers are making important decisions about how health care reform will affect all Washingtonians, including the one million uninsured adults in the state.

Health care reform created an opportunity to help low-income Washingtonians get health coverage through an innovative insurance program – a Basic Health Option.

Who will be eligible for the Basic Health Option?

Adults who:

- Are age 65 and under
- Have incomes between 133% and 200% of federal poverty level
- Are not eligible for Medicaid
- Do not have access to affordable, minimum essential, health coverage through their jobs.
- Are legally present immigrants and refugees

The Basic Health Option would be similar to our state's Basic Health Plan, but would be supported by new federal funds. It would provide health coverage for low-income adults who don't have other coverage options. **At Washington CAN! we support the Basic Health Option. We believe that it will provide affordable, meaningful coverage for more people, and is a more efficient, cost-effective choice for the state.**

The Basic Health Option will:

- Cover more eligible people who need health insurance
- Cost less for people purchasing coverage
- Provide better benefits for people who enroll
- Be more cost-effective for the state and taxpayers
- Work more efficiently with our other health coverage programs, including the program for children, Apple Health for Kids.

The decision about whether Washington State will have a Basic Health Option will be made by your elected officials. You can voice your opinion by calling your legislator, sending an email or postcard, organizing a legislative gathering in your community or emailing Mauricio Ayón, Legislative Director at Washington CAN!

For more information about the Basic Health Option in Washington State and to get involved, please contact Mauricio Ayon at mauricio@washingtoncan.org or by calling 206.290.6855.