



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Dear Provider,

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is creating a preferred drug list (PDL) for Apple Health (Medicaid) in partnership with managed care plans that serve Apple Health clients.

**When will the PDL take effect?**

Starting **January 1, 2018**, the Apple Health PDL will consist of 13 drug classes. The Apple Health PDL and more information can be found at [www.hca.wa.gov/apple-health-pdl](http://www.hca.wa.gov/apple-health-pdl).

**Drug Classes for January 1, 2018**

- Anticoagulants
- Anti-emetics
- Beta agonists (long and short acting)
- COPD Drugs
- Cytokines and CAM Antagonists
- Epinephrine auto-injectors
- Insulin
- Inhaled Corticosteroids
- Growth Hormones
- HIV
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Pancreatic enzymes
- Substance Use Disorder

All Apple Health managed care plans and the fee-for-service program will use the Apple Health PDL; however, they will continue to use their own quantity limits and prior authorization criteria until a common set of criteria is established in late 2018. Plans will continue to manage drug classes until they become part of the Apple Health PDL.

HCA will add more drug classes to the Apple Health PDL starting **July 1, 2018**.

An important goal of the Apple Health PDL is to reduce the number of formularies you have to keep track of for your patients with Apple Health coverage. This will happen when the Apple Health PDL is fully implemented.

**Sincerely,**

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