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Subject: Important Information about Basic Health

Good afternoon,

Today the Legislature passed the Second Supplemental Budget. This budget preserves the Basic Health Plan (BHP), but it reduces the program's funding and limits eligibility. Effective March 1, 2011, only those enrollees who are determined to be Transition Eligible under the 1115 Medicaid Demonstration waiver or are foster parents licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW will continue to be eligible for subsidized coverage.

Attached to this message are samples of the disenrollment letters we will send to the identified members later today. I've also included a Hot Sheet our staff will use to field questions from members and offer other coverage options, including DSHS programs and the Washington Health Program.

NOTE: The letters contain an incorrect phone number for the Apple Health for Kids program. The correct phone number is: 1-877-543-7669.

Members may also be eligible for other services and benefits provided by DSHS programs and other agencies. Washington Connection can link them to services in their area that match their needs. Washington residents can apply online for benefits and programs at <<http://www.WashingtonConnection.org>> . Basic Health and DSHS staff are also aware of this correction and can assist members in finding the help they need.

We are also working with DSHS toward the transfer of approximately 1,700 children found ineligible to the Apple Health for Kids program.

We understand this is very difficult for your organization and the affected members, but to meet our obligations under the law and our notification requirements under rule, we must act today to prevent the risk of over expenditure so we can continue to cover as many eligible enrollees as possible.

If you have questions, please contact Basic Health Communications at [hcabhcomm@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcabhcomm@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Temporary Office Closure Notice:

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