## Washington Expands State-Funded Health Coverage Amid Controversy



The Washington State Universal Health Care Commission is looking to expand the Apple Health program to include more undocumented immigrants. Currently, the program has a budget of \$35 million and covers up to 12,000 individuals who meet certain income and residency requirements. The proposed expansion could increase enrollment significantly, allowing more undocumented immigrants to qualify, but would require significant additional funding.

The proposed expansion of the Apple Health program in Washington State aims to increase enrollment by raising the funding limit, Currently, eligibility is limited by income and residency, but the expansion could broaden these criteria to include additional undocumented residents.

Doctors and hospitals do face financial challenges with Apple Health due to lower reimbursement rates compared to private insurance, which may not fully cover the cost of services provided. This puts a strain on an already overburdened system

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