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Biden administration approves Washington state request to offer health insurance to undocumented immigrants

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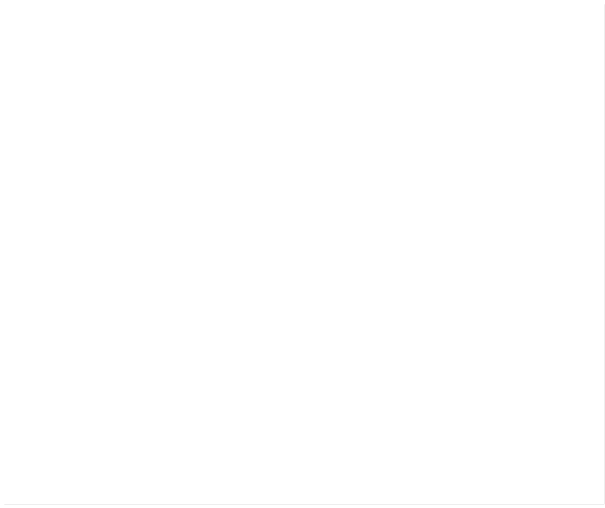
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torgo requirements set by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Treasury Department approved Washington's application for a State Innovation Waiver, issued under Section 1332 of the ACA. The application for this waiver was submitted in May.

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What is a 1332 waiver?

A state may apply for a 1332 request if it wishes to pursue "innovative strategies" for providing affordable health care while still retaining protections offered through the ACA.

The HHS secretary may approve a 1332 waiver request if they determine that the proposed plan will provide coverage that is at least as comprehensive as coverage provided without the waiver, which the Washington state plan was found to do.

The Evergreen State's exception

Washington state specifically sought to be granted an exception from a part of the ACA that excluded people living in the U.S. illegally from being eligible for qualified health plans, which are plans certified by the federal government that meet requirements set by the ACA





“The waiver will help Washington work towards its goals of improving health equity and reducing racial disparities by expanding access to coverage for the uninsured population through the state Exchange, all the while not increasing costs for those currently enrolled,” the departments said in a statement.

The approval of this waiver is contingent on the state accepting specific terms and conditions. If these requirements are agreed on, then the waiver will go into effect from the beginning of 2024 to the end of 2028.

While the newly approved waiver will not go into effect next year, the White House noted in its approval that Washington state had allocated fiscal 2023 funds for a state subsidy program called Cascade Care Savings. The program offers premium subsidies to residents who get plans through Washington Healthplanfinder and make up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

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Not the only one

Roughly 20 other states have applied for and received approval of ACA Section 1332 waivers, including Alaska, Georgia, New Hampshire, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. In cases where applications were not approved, the agencies often determined that they were incomplete.

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