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Columbia River Mental Health Services will host Community Panel and Resource Event to Help Clark County Residents Navigate Upcoming Apple Health (Medicaid) Changes

Clark County Works Together

Free community event will help Clark County residents understand upcoming Apple Health changes and connect with local resources.

Columbia River Mental Health Services will host ***Clark County Works Together***, a free community event designed to help Apple Health (Medicaid) members, caregivers, and community members understand upcoming changes affecting coverage and connect directly with resources that can help them navigate those changes.

As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, Columbia River Mental Health Services is a critical connection point for behavioral health care, community resources, benefits, and other supports that help people navigate complex systems and access the care they need. The Federal H.R. 1 changes will affect several aspects of Apple Health eligibility and coverage over the coming years. ***Clark County Works Together*** is intended to give community members clear, practical information about what is changing, when changes take effect, and where to turn for assistance.

"Changes to health coverage can be hard to understand and made even harder to navigate when people do not know where to go for reliable information," said Daniel Smith, CEO of Columbia River Mental Health Services. "Our goal is to bring people, information, and resources together in one place so community members can better understand what may affect them and know where they can get help."

"We are very grateful for our community partners who are also working together to help share resources and information and walk side by side with people who are going to be impacted" Smith noted.

The event will take place Thursday, October 15, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fourth Plain Commons, 3101 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Suite 101, Vancouver, WA 98661. A community panel will begin at 11 a.m. Attendees are invited to enjoy a complimentary light brunch, connect with community organizations, and enter to win door prizes. Spanish and Chuukese language assistance will be available during the event.

Representatives from Washington State Health Care Authority, Molina Healthcare, Community Health Plan of Washington, Wellpoint, and other community partners will be onsite to answer questions and connect attendees with resources. Certified Application Counselors from Columbia River Mental Health Services will also be available to assist with benefit navigation.

The event is free and open to the public, and no registration is required. Community members who receive Apple Health, as well as family members, caregivers, service providers, and others who support people who may be affected, are encouraged to attend.

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Clark County Works Together has been made possible through a Community & Neighborhood microgrant from the City of Vancouver, along with the participation and support of community partners committed to helping Clark County residents understand and navigate these changes.

Parking at Fourth Plain Commons is limited. Attendees are encouraged to review the event flyer at Columbia River Mental Health Services website, www.crmhs.org

Event Details

What: **Clark County Works Together** – A Community Panel and Resource Event

When: Thursday, October 15, 2026, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Panel: 11 a.m.

Where: Fourth Plain Commons, 3101 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Suite 101, Vancouver, WA 98661

Cost: Free and open to the public

Registration: Not required

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