



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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**TO:** «FullName», «DOCNumber»  
«FacilityShortName», «UnitName», «BedNum»

**FROM:** Health Benefits Coordination Unit

**SUBJECT: Availability of Expanded Medical Coverage**

You may qualify for health insurance benefits under the Affordable Care Act.

The Department of Corrections may be able to help you get health insurance as you are releasing from prison under the Affordable Care Act, which became effective January 1, 2014. Having health insurance means that you can get the care you need to stay healthy when you release from prison. You can go see a doctor instead of having to go to the emergency room for medical care. All the essential benefits are covered, including:

- Doctor visits
- Hospital stays
- Emergency room visits
- Prescriptions
- Dental care
- Vision care
- Maternity care
- Mental and behavioral health services

Free check-ups and preventive care like cancer screenings and vaccinations are also included. Health insurance can also help protect you from high medical bills in the case of a serious accident or illness.

As you get closer to your release date you will be scheduled for a Release Planning Callout. When you come to this callout, DOC Health Services staff will provide you with more information and can help you complete your health insurance application. Please remember to bring your eye glasses (if needed) and your address book to the Release Planning Callout.