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WA State Parent to Parent (P2P) Newsletter: November 2018

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Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Please welcome our two new coordinators, Nicholas Wright (Snohomish P2P) and Kimberly Adams (Kitsap P2P). Have a great month.

~~Susan and Jackie

Calendar of EVENTS

November

11/3: Early registration is now open for the 2018 WA State Fathers Network conference. This is a great opportunity for men who have a child with special health care needs in their life to meet other men on that same journey and get information that can be of help to them and their family.

The event will take place on Saturday, November 3rd in Bellevue, WA from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The early registration fee is \$25 which will increase to \$50 in October. Please see this [flyer](#) for more [information and registration](#).

11/28-11/30: [TASH Conference](#), November 28-30 in Portland - brings together people who support, care for, and work with people with developmental disabilities to learn, share and network

RESOURCES

1. Premium payment program-

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-administration/premium-payment-program>

Find information about the Premium Payment Program that may provide reimbursement for private health insurance coverage for those receiving Apple Health (Medicaid), [WAC 182-558](#).

What is the Premium Payment Program?

- Helps people on Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) take advantage of private health insurance in a way that saves the state money.
- Reduce health care costs to the state.
- Provides reimbursement for private health insurance coverage when an Apple Health (Medicaid) client has access to private health insurance coverage, such as through an employer or private policy.

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2. DID YOU KNOW? You can keep your adult child with I/DD on your private healthcare plan after age 26

Most healthcare plans exclude coverage for dependent children who are older than 26. However, in Washington dependent children who are 26 and who have a developmental or physical disability can be retained on a private insurance plan per RCW 48.44.200.

While people with I/DD typically qualify for Medicaid, some families may choose to include their adult son or daughter on their private healthcare plan for better access to medical services. This law allows parents to do so past age 26.

RCW 48.44.200

Individual health care service plan contracts-Coverage of dependent child not to terminate because of developmental disability or physical handicap.

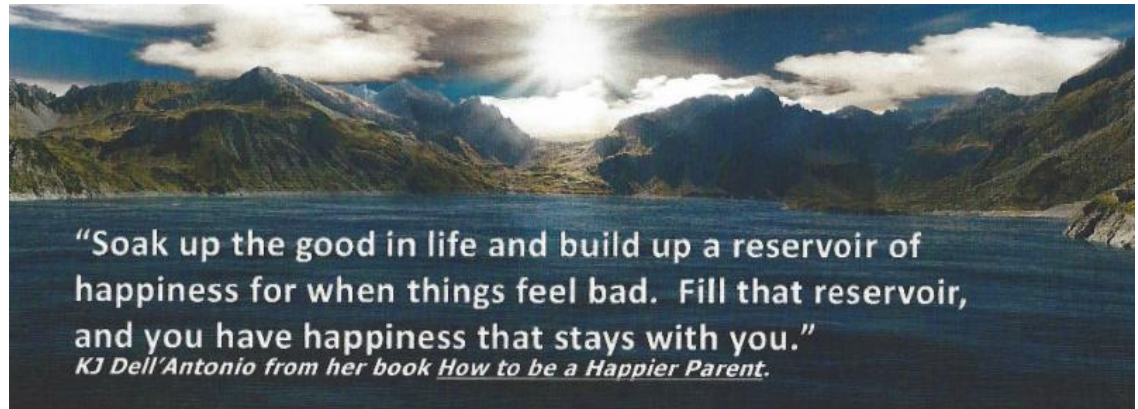
An individual health care service plan contract, delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than one hundred twenty days after August 11, 1969, which provides that coverage of a dependent child shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the contract shall also provide in substance that attainment of such limiting age shall not operate to terminate the coverage of such child while the child is and continues to be both (1) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of developmental disability or physical handicap and (2) chiefly dependent upon the subscriber for support and maintenance, provided proof of such incapacity and dependency is furnished to the health care service plan corporation by the subscriber within thirty-one days of the child's attainment of the limiting age and subsequently as may be required by the corporation but not more frequently than annually after the two year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

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November is National Family CAREGIVER Month.

3. Here are some useful CAREGIVER resources.

- [Arc of Washington State](#)
- [Center for Children with Special Needs](#)
- [Fathers Network](#)
- [Informing Families, Building Trust](#)
- [Kinship Care](#)
- [Parent to Parent of Washington State](#)
- [Self-Care Tips for Parents of Children with Special Needs](#)
- [The Resilient Caregiver](#)



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