

Improving Health Equity for COFA Islanders

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Legislative Priority

Keys to Success in Washington State

- COFA communities make their voices heard
- Children's Alliance and COFA Alliance National Network support development of policies and advocacy efforts
- CAPAA listens to community concerns and personal stories
- CAPAA makes improving COFA health equity a legislative priority
- Rep. Santos and Sen. Saldaña sponsor legislation and Governor advances budget proposal

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- Creates a COFA premium assistance program
- Covers premium cost for a qualified health plan and the out-of-pocket costs for the coverage provided by the plan
- Establishes eligibility criteria:
 - A Washington resident
 - COFA citizenship
 - Silver level plan enrollment
 - Income less than 133% FPL
 - Ineligible for federal and state medical assistance programs

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- Establishes criteria for disqualifying a participant
- Directs the Health Care Authority to establish processes to implement the program
- Education and outreach program to start by Sept. 1, 2018
- First open enrollment period begins Nov. 1, 2018
- A report to the Governor and Legislature to be provided by Dec. 31, 2019

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- Establishes an Advisory Committee to include representatives of COFA communities, insurers, and other stakeholders
- The committee will advise on the development, implementation, and operation of the COFA premium assistance program
- Transportation and travel expenses may be provided



Community meeting in Auburn with CANN



Community meeting in Spokane with CANN



Children's Alliance *Have a Heart for Kids Day*
and passage of SB 5683 in the Senate