

Section 1135 Waiver Request Guidance:

Section 1135 authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to waive or modify certain Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, and HIPAA requirements.

On March 15, 2020, the State of Washington [submitted a request for blanket waivers](#) under Section 1135, including but not limited to those specified by [CMS in its announcement of blanket waivers](#) dated March 13, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state may submit additional requests based on individual provider changes and unique circumstances. The expected duration of the waiver is until the national public health emergency terminates.

If you are interested in submitting a CMS waiver:

While any entity may request an 1135 waiver from CMS, (including associations, management companies, or individual providers), we ask that all requests are coordinated through MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director, via email at MaryAnne.Lindeblad@hca.wa.gov.

For more information:

It is important that we stay coordinated as we pursue these opportunities. More information is available on the [Health Care Authority COVID-19 page](#).