# Premium Assistance Program Wind-Down Guidance for Employees of Child Care Facilities

## Premium Assistance Ends Dec. 31, 2023

In early September, the Washington Health Benefit Exchange sent notifications detailing that the <u>Health Care Premium Assistance for Employees of Child Care Facilities</u> program will end after 2023. This means that unless you qualify for a \$0 premium Cascade Care plan, you will be responsible for paying your monthly health care premium **beginning Jan. 1, 2024.** 

### **DCYF** Guidance

Even though this premium assistance program is ending, you may still qualify for federal and state savings to reduce your costs. Free or low-cost Cascade Care plans will be available to most impacted employees through Washington Healthplanfinder. Contact Yakima Neighborhood Health Services before, or during open enrollment, to learn what your health care premiums may cost.

# **Open Enrollment Is Now**

Open enrollment through Washington Healthplanfinder is from **Nov. 1, 2023 – Jan. 15, 2024**. If you would like help reviewing your plan options and plan prices in your area, please contact Yakima Neighborhood Health Services. These Navigators are ready to help you discover savings you may qualify for and the best plan to fit your health care needs.

### Contact

Please contact <u>Yakima Neighborhood Health Services</u> at 509-574-0826 or email <u>mailto:ccnavi@ynhs.org</u> to learn more.

