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My name is Anna Lomakina, and I am a single mother of a wonderful 6 year-old boy.

I recently moved to the state of Washington with my son from Russia. It was a pretty stressful change for us, and I am working very hard to make the adaptation easy for me and my son. I am so glad that I was able to meet with a Russian-speaking community health worker who explained the details of what me and my son are eligible for.

The same day we met she enrolled my son into WA Apple Health for children, and it was such a relief for me to know that his health is protected.

We became patients in the community health center, International Community Health Services. At ICHS my son was seen by a physician, Dr. Hsie, who suggested to check his vision. After the check, he was able to diagnose my son with cataracts. He referred us to a specialist, and, in January of 2017, my child is going to have eye surgery.

WA Apple Health saved my son’s vision and our family’s savings.