

# A PLAN FOR A HEALTHIER WASHINGTON

Washington State was awarded a **\$65 million grant** from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). This award will fund Healthier Washington.

**BY 2019, WASHINGTON STATE AIMS TO:**

**1) improve population health, 2) transform delivery systems and 3) reduce per capita spending**

## KEY WASHINGTON STATE PLAYERS

Governor's Office | Health Care Authority | Department of Health  
Department of Health and Human Services

**WSHA, AWP** and more than 100 stakeholders will provide ongoing input

## GOALS

### Healthier Communities through Collaborative, Regional Approach

Accountable Communities of Health (ACH)

Global Waiver

### Payment Reform and Value-Based Purchasing

Early Adopter Regional Service Areas (RSA)

Value-Based Purchasing in Rural Health Clinics

High Value Networks

Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Group (WRHAP)

### Practice Transformation and Integrated Care

Physical and Behavioral Health Together

Community Health Workers

Primary Care Practice Support

# HEALTHIER WASHINGTON

## Acronyms and Definitions

### Statewide Hospital Organizations

**AWPHD** – Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts  
AWPHD works to advocate for the interests of public hospital districts, and also to serve as a source of information for member executives and boards.

**WSHA** – Washington State Hospital Association  
With mission of improving quality and increasing access, WSHA represents the interests of hospitals and health systems in Washington State.

### State Agencies

**DOH** – Department of Health  
DOH oversees regulations governing hospital, clinic, and professional licensure; professional scope of practice; public health; and disaster readiness. It contains the Rural Health Section.

**DSHS** – Department of Social and Health Services  
DSHS has authority over state-subsidized behavioral health services and long term care services; it also oversees assistance programs such as food stamps.

**Governor's Office** (Jay Inslee)  
The executive has overall responsibility for the state agencies that regulate and purchase health care and the Healthier Washington plan.

**HCA** – Health Care Authority  
HCA is responsible for Medicaid and the Public Employees Benefit program and is the lead agency for Healthier Washington implementation.

### Federal Agencies

**CMMI** – Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation  
CMMI oversees innovation and has provided the state with \$65 million to implement Healthier Washington. It is a division of CMS.

**CMS** – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
CMS oversees Medicare and the federal contribution to Medicaid.

### Programs

**ACH** - Accountable Communities of Health  
ACHs are regional public-private partnerships created under Healthier Washington to align local health improvement activities.

**BHO** – Behavioral Health Organizations  
BHOs are regional entities that contract with DSHS to provide behavioral health services to Medicaid clients.

**RSA** – Early Adopter Regional Service Areas  
RSAs are interested in working with state agencies on a combined health plan contract for both Medicaid and behavioral health services in their area. By 2020 the state will be working with all regional areas to issue combined contracts.

**Global Waiver**  
The waiver is a CMS provision that allows states to experiment by modifying (or waiving) federal legal requirements. Washington is seeking a waiver for greater flexibility in the financing and delivering of Medicaid services under the Healthier Washington program.

**Healthier Washington**  
Healthier Washington is the State of Washington's plan to transform the health care system to provide better care, improved health, and lower costs.

**Medicaid/Apple Health**  
Apple Health is a state-administered program that provides health coverage for low-income Washington residents. It is funded by CMS.

**Medicare**  
Medicare is a federal health program for older adults and persons with disabilities.

**Practice Transformation Hub**  
The Hub is a component of Healthier Washington intended to provide technical assistance to providers working to integrate physical and behavioral health care, and lower costs.

**WRHAP** – Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Group  
The WRHAP group is a small group of financially vulnerable and physically remote CAHs who are working to develop a new model for payment and health care. This group is co-sponsored by WSHA, DOH and HCA.