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

**KEY WASHINGTON STATE PLAYERS**

Governor’s Office | Health Care Authority | Department of Health
Department of Health and Human Services
WSHA, AWPHD 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

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

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

[www.wsha.org/healthierwashington.cfm](http://www.wsha.org/healthierwashington.cfm)
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.