



HEALTHIER WASHINGTON:

Better Health, Better Care, Lower Costs

*State Innovation Models (SIM) Round Two
Grant Application for Test Assistance*

Video:

www.youtube.com/InnovationPlan

Grant application materials:

www.hca.wa.gov/shcip/Documents/SIM_Grant_App_072214_Final.pdf

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The Healthier Washington project builds the capacity to move health care purchasing from volume to value, improve the health of state residents and deliver coordinated whole-person care. Through focused and collaborative engagement of the public and private sectors, the Healthier Washington project will achieve better health, better care and lower costs for at least 80 percent of state residents.

Under this project, targeted investments are made in the following:

- (1) Community empowerment and accountability.** Washington will drive local innovation through Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs). Regionally organized ACHs will align the activity and investments of diverse sectors—providers, public health, housing, education, social service providers, health plans, county and local government, philanthropy, consumers, businesses and tribes—to drive integrated delivery of health and social services and improve population health.
- (2) Practice transformation support.** A practice transformation support hub will support providers across the state to effectively coordinate care, increase capacity and benefit from value-based reimbursement strategies.
- (3) Payment redesign.** In partnership with purchasers, providers and payers, Washington will leverage its purchasing power to be the first mover in shifting 80 percent of the health care market from traditional fee-for-service to integrated, value-based payment models. Significant infrastructure and national expertise will guide

efforts to test, improve and bring to scale shared savings and total cost of care models, including full integration of physical and behavioral health in Medicaid.

(4) Analytics, interoperability and measurement. New analytical infrastructure for monitoring and reporting on health system performance will support broad deployment of common performance measures to guide health care purchasing. New information exchange capacity will be leveraged to support care delivery, clinical-community linkages and improved health outcomes.

(5) Project management. Implementation will be coordinated through a public-private leadership council with a dedicated interagency team and legislative oversight. Accountable project management will ensure real-time evaluation and continuous improvement on all Healthier Washington initiatives.

An independent actuary has estimated potential cost savings of the Healthier Washington project at \$1.05 billion over four years. This is enabled through a model test grant budgeted for \$92.4 million and significant in-kind contributions from public and private stakeholders.

In late 2013, extensive stakeholder and tribal involvement led to the completion of a five-year State Health Care Innovation Plan under a State Innovation Models pre-testing grant. Shortly thereafter, a bipartisan Legislature passed two pieces of Governor-requested legislation to fund early implementation of the plan, building on the state’s successful rollout of the Affordable Care Act. This project leverages the commitment of 12 commercial and Medicaid payers, nearly every major health system and targets the engagement of 80 percent of Washington’s residents, approximately 5.6 million people.

Washington is uniquely positioned to improve health delivery, transform payment systems and advance population health through the Healthier Washington project.

