

Greater Columbia ACH

Director's Report

October 20, 2016



1 THE FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVER IS APPROVED OCTOBER 3RD!

Click Here: [Washington secures federal support to transform health system, improve behavioral health care and control costs](#)

The headline from Governor Inslee's announcement on October 3rd tells readers a lot about his expectations from the Federal Waiver. It is hailed as "a new state-federal partnership that will bolster state efforts to improve the physical and mental health of Washington families and transform the State's Apple Health (Medicaid) program to control costs." So what does a transformed system look like? Fortunately, we have been given the chart below from the Health Care Authority that articulates those expectations!

Current System	Transformed System
Fragmented clinical and financial approaches to care delivery	Integrated systems that deliver whole person care
Disjointed care and transitions	Coordinated care and transitions
Disengaged clients	Activated clients
Capacity limits in critical service areas	Optimal access to appropriate services
Individuals impoverish themselves to access long term services and supports (LTSS)	Timely supports delay or divert need for Medicaid LTSS
Inconsistent measurement of delivery system performance	Standardized performance measurement with accountability for improved health outcomes
Volume-based payment	Value-based payment

2 MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE 1:

CLICK HERE: [TRANSFORMATION THROUGH ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES OF HEALTH](#)

Community providers will be the foundation for Medicaid transformation. Initiative 1 is intended to build incentives for providers who are committed to changing how we deliver care. Primary care and behavioral health providers, hospitals, social service agencies, and other community partners all have a part to play in building a system that improves health outcomes.

Each region, through its ACH, will be able to pursue projects aimed at transforming the Medicaid delivery system to serve the whole person and use resources more wisely.

Within Initiative 1 of **delivery system transformation** are 3 domains, and within each domain are examples of suggested key strategies.

	Healthy Systems Capacity Building	Care Delivery Redesign	Population Health Promotion
Strategies	Development of Workforce and Non-Conventional Services Sites	Bi-directional Integration of Care	Chronic Disease Prevention and/or Management
	Data Collection and Analytic Capacity	Care Coordination	Promote Healthy Women, Infants, and Children
		Care Transitions	

3 CLICK HERE: [TRANSFORMATION PROJECT TOOLKIT ... YET TO COME!](#)

The state is developing a transformation project toolkit that provides guidance on the projects that will be eligible for funding under Initiative 1. The Framework for the Project Toolkit, an outline from which the final toolkit will be built, is available on the Healthier Washington website. This framework outlines the strategies, objectives, and outcomes – inspired by the ideas WA stakeholders and partners submitted – for transformation projects. The final toolkit will include core components, or key project elements, along with milestones and metrics.

After the project toolkit is approved by CMS, ACHs will use it to work with their partners to develop Medicaid transformation project plans. Each ACH will engage with providers, health plans, social services, and other partners in their region to develop project plan proposals tailored to community needs and priorities. The State has not yet determined how many projects each region will undertake and whether or not some projects will be required in all regions. These details will be part of the final toolkit.

[Click Here for the link to the New York State toolkit which was approved by CMS and gives us an example of what the WA State final toolkit may look like.](#)

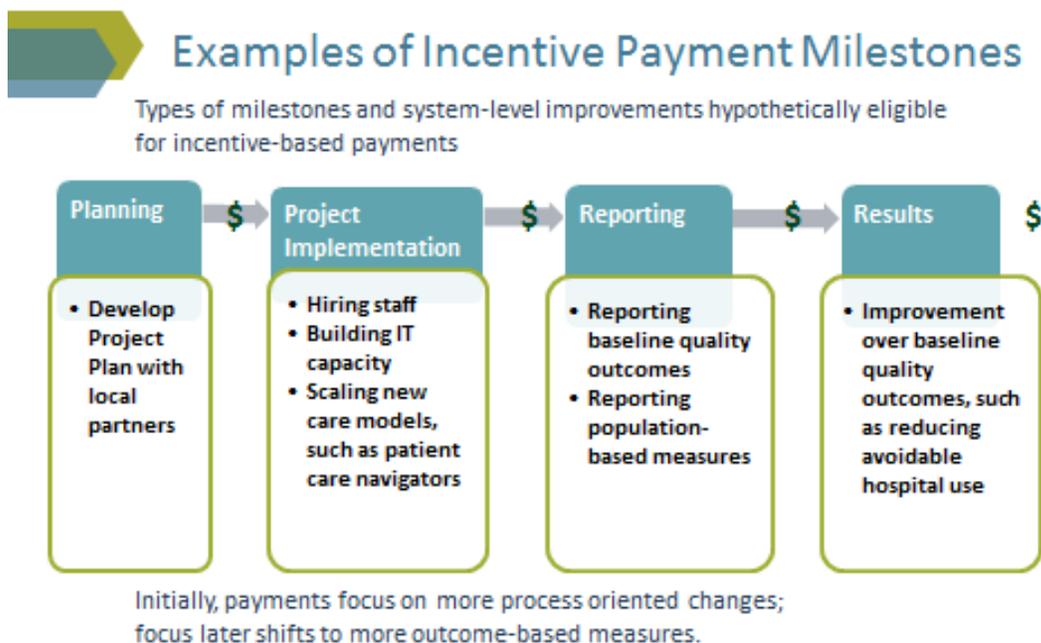
Transformation Project Toolkit (con't)

Once an ACH's project plan has been approved, the ACH will coordinate the project. This is not a grant. ACHs and their partners will receive funds only upon meeting project goals. In the early years, payments will be made for meeting process milestones. Later, payments will be based on improvement in outcome measures.

Project details are being identified and designed through a thoughtful and iterative process and will ultimately require CMS approval. It is anticipated that each project description within the toolkit will include:

- **Rationale for the proposed project (evidence base and reasoning behind the project idea).**
- **Goals and objectives of the project (the project-specific goals and expected project outcomes).**
- **Core components, or key activities, that will guide project development and implementation.**
- **Metrics required for the project to assess performance.**

Each project will have a set of core components and metrics that tie incentive payments to performance. This will ensure that all participating providers are working toward generally accepted best practices and common goals in terms of results.



<https://www.macpac.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/June-2015-Report-to-Congress-on-Medicaid-and-CHIP.pdf>

4 STEPS TO FINISH RHIP (DRAFT!!)

Task	Lead	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 26	Jan 2017	Feb-Dec 2017
Plan projects														
Review Projects for alignment with HCA draft Toolkit														
Present projects to LC & Board	PWG chairs and members													
Incorporate feedback into projects	PWG chairs													
Submit projects to Deb	PWG chairs													
Write executive summary	Deb													
Distribute to GCACH membership for comment	Aisling													
Incorporate feedback into projects														
Submit Final RHIP to HCA	Carol													
Upload RHIP to GCACH website	Aisling													
Report on RHIP projects in newsletter	Aisling													
Revise plans to stay in alignment with final toolkit	Everyone													

This Gantt chart is intended to lay out a plan for the remaining steps for the Regional Health Improvement Plan. This timeline is very dependent on getting the final Toolkit from HCA.