



Delivery system transformation

ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES OF HEALTH (ACHs)

SYNOPSIS

Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) bring together leaders from multiple sectors around the state with a common interest in improving health and health equity. As ACHs better align resources and activities, they support wellness and a system that delivers care for the whole person. There are nine ACHs. Their boundaries align with Washington’s Medicaid regional service areas.

GOAL

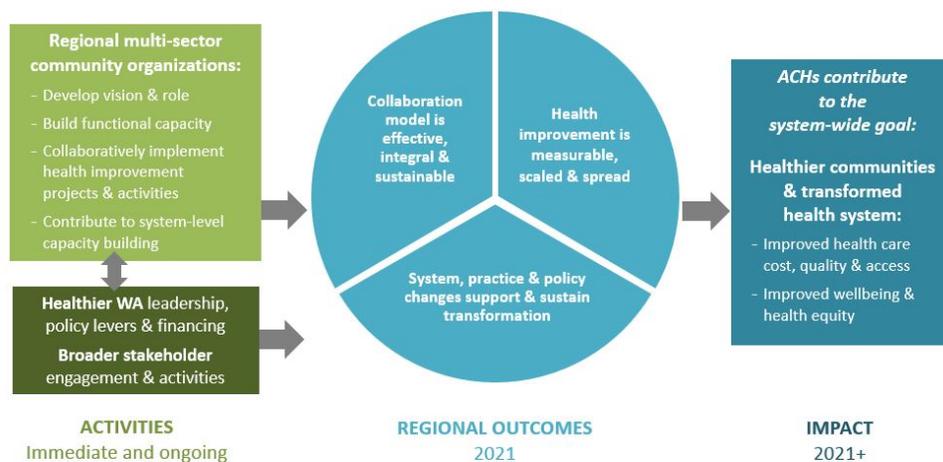
ACHs support health systems transformation, including providers transitioning to value-based payment arrangements, by connecting partners and aligning activities across multiple sectors with a common interest in achieving whole person health and wellness.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

Health system transformation depends on coordination and integration with community services, social services, and public health. ACHs provide the necessary links and supportive environments to address the needs of the whole person.

Accountable Communities of Health | Conceptual Model

HOW IT WORKS



THE CHALLENGE

Recognizing that VBP ultimately supports population health management and extends beyond clinical quality improvement, there is a need for partners to identify new ways to integrate care and create connections between clinical care and community supports. This is a challenge as it involves multiple sectors, communities and organizations that may not traditionally coordinate on shared approaches, workflows, or investments.

DESCRIPTION

ACHs address health issues through local collaboration on shared goals. They can help align resources and activities that improve whole person health and wellness, and support local and statewide initiatives such as Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation, practice transformation, and value-based purchasing. Further, ACHs convene and connect partners to support clinical-community linkages, recognizing that VBP supports population health management and extends beyond clinical quality improvement.

HOW WE GET THERE

As part of Medicaid Transformation, each ACH region is pursuing projects aimed at transforming the Medicaid delivery system. Transformation projects focus on:

Health systems and community capacity building. Adopting a value-based payment system, developing the health care workforce, and making improvements in population health management, including enhanced data collection and analytic capacity.

Care delivery redesign. Supporting integration of physical and behavioral health care, improving care coordination, making better transitions between services and settings, and improving diversion interventions (helping people access the most appropriate service or facility for their needs).

Prevention and health promotion. Focusing on opioid use, maternal and child health, access to oral health services, and chronic disease prevention and management.

Within Medicaid Transformation, ACHs are accountable for investing resources to support providers in moving along the VBP continuum. Medicaid Transformation activities and investments support increased use of VBP arrangements that reward providers for quality of care rather than the volume of services provided. ACHs play an important role in supporting the delivery of person- and family-centered care to meet the needs of their communities.

RESULTS

ACHs are positioned to:

- Promote health equity throughout the state.
- Create, support, and collaborate on local health improvement plans.
- Support local and statewide initiatives such as Medicaid Transformation, practice transformation, and value-based purchasing.
- Align resources and activities that improve whole-person health and wellness.