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## STATE INNOVATION MODELS (SIM) GRANT

### SYNOPSIS

In 2014, Washington State received nearly \$65 million to implement and test its State Health Care Innovation Plan. The award from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) enabled the state to develop the multi-stakeholder Healthier Washington initiative.

### GOAL

Transform the health system to achieve better population health, reward high-quality care, and spend limited resources in better ways. Healthier Washington represents a collaborative approach among providers, payers, purchasers, community advocates, and state agencies, working together to improve the lives of Washingtonians.

### DESIRED OUTCOMES

- Improve how we pay for services
- Ensure health care focuses on the whole person
- Build healthier communities through a collaborative, regional approach

### HOW IT WORKS



## THE CHALLENGE

In the absence of a comprehensive and aligned approach to transformation, the health system is inconsistent, with weak linkages between clinical and community interventions.

In order to achieve the Quadruple Aim of better health, better care, smarter spending, and provider joy, the system must address:

- Lack of incentives and support to coordinate care
- Financial and administrative barriers to integrated care
- Disparate performance measures
- Slow adoption of VBP strategies
- Lack of meaningful data and analytics

## DESCRIPTION

While health systems transformation and innovation began in Washington State before SIM resources were available, the grant set in motion efforts to address challenges to the health system. By design, there is significant overlap in strategies, allowing for a systems approach to transformation. Specific focus areas of the SIM grant include:

- **Supporting Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs).** The nine regional ACHs are drivers of health systems transformation, bringing together public and private community partners to advance shared regional health goals.
- **Building payment reform test models.** Washington is testing payment redesign models to advance value-based payment.
- **Supporting clinicians through the Practice Transformation Support Hub.** Dedicated support for primary and behavioral health providers as they integrate care and adopt value-based systems.
- **Strengthening person and family engagement.** Shared decision making is focused on ensuring providers and consumers have meaningful conversations that help people make care choices that are right for them and their families.
- **Addressing the workforce.** Washington State is exploring ways to ensure the system has the right people delivering the right care at the right place and time.
- **Investing in data and analytics.** A mature data and analytic infrastructure provides a foundation for moving to whole-person care and improving population health.

## HOW WE GET THERE

Although the SIM grant ends on January 31, 2019, Healthier Washington efforts have established strategic partnerships among state agencies, tribal governments, public and private sector partners, community based organizations, ACHs, and others. Inclusion and equity is a foundation of this work as we strive to reduce health disparities, address social determinants, and focus on wellness.

## RESULTS

Our vision for a transformed health system that endures beyond the life of the SIM grant is one where our three foundational strategies of paying for value, whole-person care, and strong clinical-community linkages are embedded in the health system. This future also includes a climate of partnership, engagement, and mutual support among the state, communities, providers, and the market.