

SHCIP: A plan for a healthier Washington

Two key pieces of legislation this past session are fundamental to the transformation of the health care system via the five-year State Health Care Innovation Plan.

- **E2SHB 2572** -- Concerning the effectiveness of health care purchasing and transforming the health care delivery system.
- **2SSB 6312** -- Concerning state purchasing of mental health and chemical dependency treatment services.

Three major activities are under way now:

\$50,000 Grants for ACH Planning and Collaboration

Earlier this year, the Health Care Authority announced a [Community of Health Planning Grant opportunity](#) for organizations interested in assisting regional planning. This collaboration is aimed at improved health, better care and lower costs as part of the statewide plan for a healthier Washington.

The planning opportunity will award up to \$50,000 per grant for up to 10 communities, including government and tribal entities, to help prepare for the anticipated Accountable Community of Health (ACH) designation process and “pilot” awards, as authorized by (HB 2572.) Application required a Letter of Intent submitted by Friday, May 9, 2014.

The full application is due May 30, 2014, with grant awards in June.

Governor’s Performance Measures Coordinating Committee

The Governor’s Office will soon appoint a new statewide health care [Performance Measures Coordinating Committee](#), required by House Bill 2572.

The deadline for nominations was May 7. The purpose of the multi-stakeholder committee is to recommend standard statewide measures of health performance to inform public and private health care purchasing and to propose benchmarks to track costs and improvements in health outcomes.

The committee will be chaired by Health Care Authority Director Dorothy Teeter and include 12 to 20 members, including academic experts, consumers, employers, tribes, health plans, hospitals, patients, physicians, providers and state agencies, among others.

Accountable Health Care Delivery and Payment Models and Strategies

The Health Care Authority and King County issued a joint [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to gather information on steps health care providers and health plans have made or are planning to make to develop accountable delivery and payment models and strategies.

HCA and King County partnered on the RFI because, independently, both need the information to shape future purchasing decisions that move closer to the Innovation Plan’s Public-Private Transformation Action Strategy.

The due date for submissions recently was extended to Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 3 pm.