



Housing For Better Health: An Update on the Medicaid Transformation Demonstration



Introduction

- Jon Brumbach
 - Senior Health Policy Analyst, WA Health Care Authority

Medicaid Transformation demonstration



Medicaid transformation goals

Over the five-year demonstration, Washington will:

- Integrate physical and behavioral health purchasing and service delivery
- Convert 90% of Medicaid provider payments to reward outcomes
- Support provider capacity to adopt new payment and care models
- Implement population health strategies that improve health equity
- Provide targeted services that address the needs of our aging populations and address the key determinants of health



Medicaid Transformation Demonstration

- Five-year demonstration of innovative strategies to improve health outcomes and use resources wisely
- Authorizes up to \$1.5 billion in federal investments
- Three initiatives:

Transformation
through Accountable
Communities of
Health
Up to \$1.1B

Incentive Payments

Long-term Services
and Supports
\$175M

Services

Foundational
Community Support
Services
\$200M

Services

Delivery System Reform Program

A regional approach

- ACHs play a critical role:
 - **Coordinate** and **oversee** regional projects aimed at improving care for Medicaid beneficiaries.
 - **Apply** for transformation projects, and incentive payments, on behalf of partnering providers within the region.
 - **Solicit** community feedback in development of Project Plan applications.
 - **Decide** on distribution of incentive funds to providers for achievement of defined milestones.



Working with ACHs

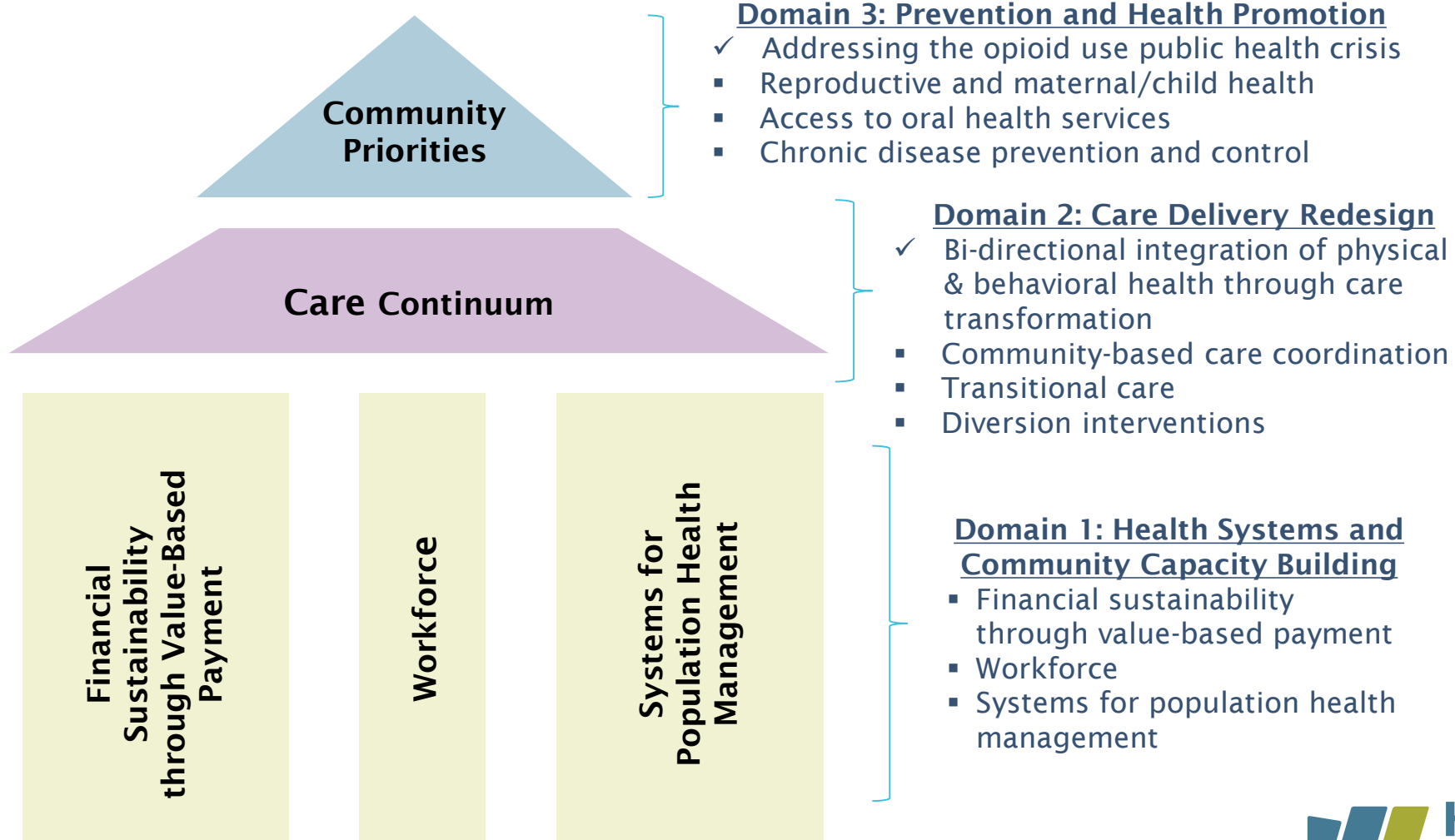
ACHs work with community partners to decide on population health improvement projects in their region.



Together, they select projects and develop a portfolio of Project Plans. Projects must align with the demonstration Project Toolkit.



The Project Toolkit





Project milestones

Project planning progress milestones – *“Pay for Planning”*

- Initial planning activities and partnerships that establish foundational structure and capacity for transformation project goals

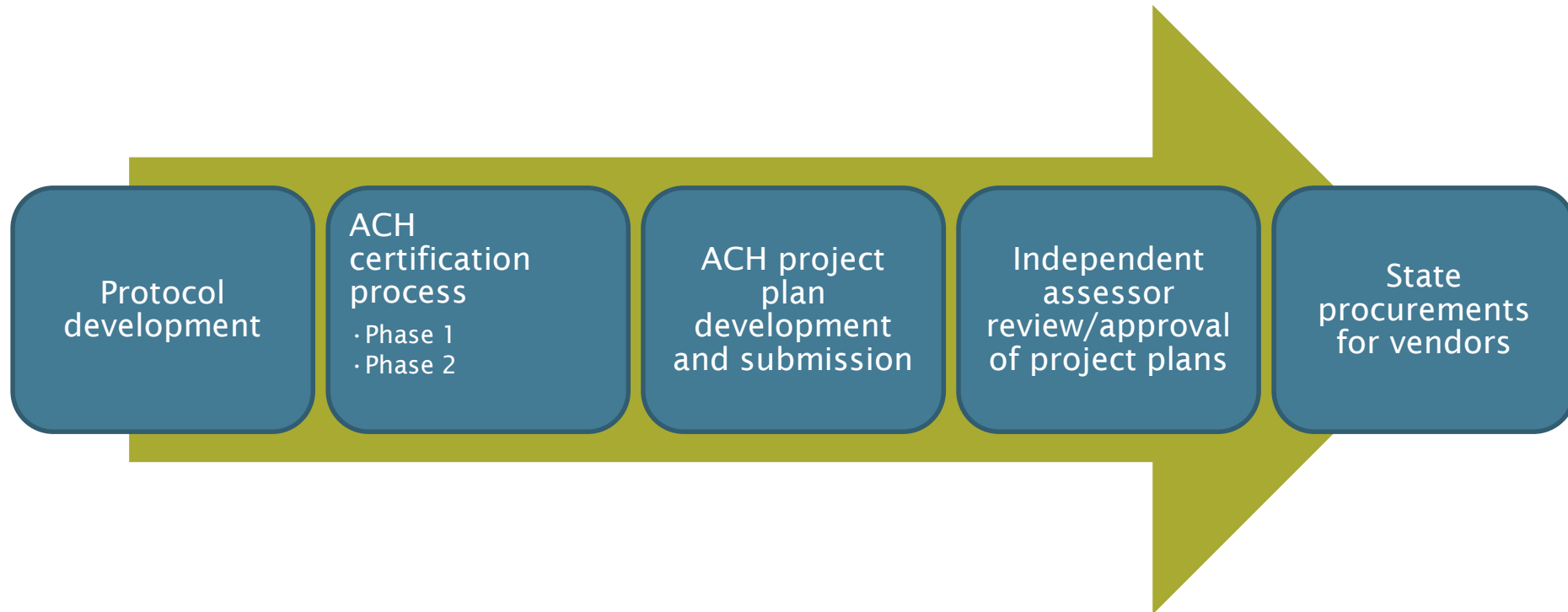
Project implementation planning – *“Pay for Reporting”*

- Action steps taken by participating providers specified in the project’s initial planning activities

Scale and Sustain – *“Pay for Outcomes”*

- Demonstrable progress towards project outcomes made by participating providers due to the implementation of the project plan

Initiative 1: What to expect in year 1



Foundational Community Supports (FCS)



Foundational Community Supports



What it is

- Targeted Medicaid benefits that help eligible clients with complex health needs obtain and maintain housing and employment stability.
- Supportive Housing services
- Supported Employment services

What it isn't

- Ongoing payments for housing, rent, or room & board costs
- Wages or wage enhancements for clients
- Entitlement



Supportive housing

Community Transition Services (NEW to FCS)	One-time supports for individuals transitioning out of institutions or at imminent risk of becoming institutionalized
	Includes rental deposit, move-in costs, household furnishings and other necessary supports
Community Support Services	Housing assessment and development of a plan to address barriers
	Assistance with applications, community resources, and outreach to landlords
	Education, training, coaching, resolving disputes, and advocacy

*Supportive housing services **do not** include funds for room and board or the development of housing.*



Community transition services

NOT room & board

- One-time expenses

Provided today under 1915c waivers

- WA: COPES Waiver, DD Community Transition Services

Institutional level of care

- Eligibility limited to a subset within the target populations who meet an institutional level of care
- “Institution” will be defined in protocol



Supportive housing target population

- Chronically homeless (HUD definition)
- Frequent/lengthy institutional contact
- Frequent/lengthy adult residential care stays
- Frequent turnover of in-home caregivers
- PRISM Score 1.5+
 - (Predictive Risk Intelligence System)



Supported employment

Individual Placement and Support (IPS) model

Principles of supported employment

- Open to anyone who wants to work
- Focus on competitive employment
- Systematic job development
- Prioritize rapid job search
- Client preferences guide decisions
- Individualized long-term supports
- Integrated with treatment
- Benefits counseling included

Services may include

- Employment assessment and development of a plan to address barriers
- Assistance with applications, community resources and outreach to employers
- Education, training, coaching to maintain employment

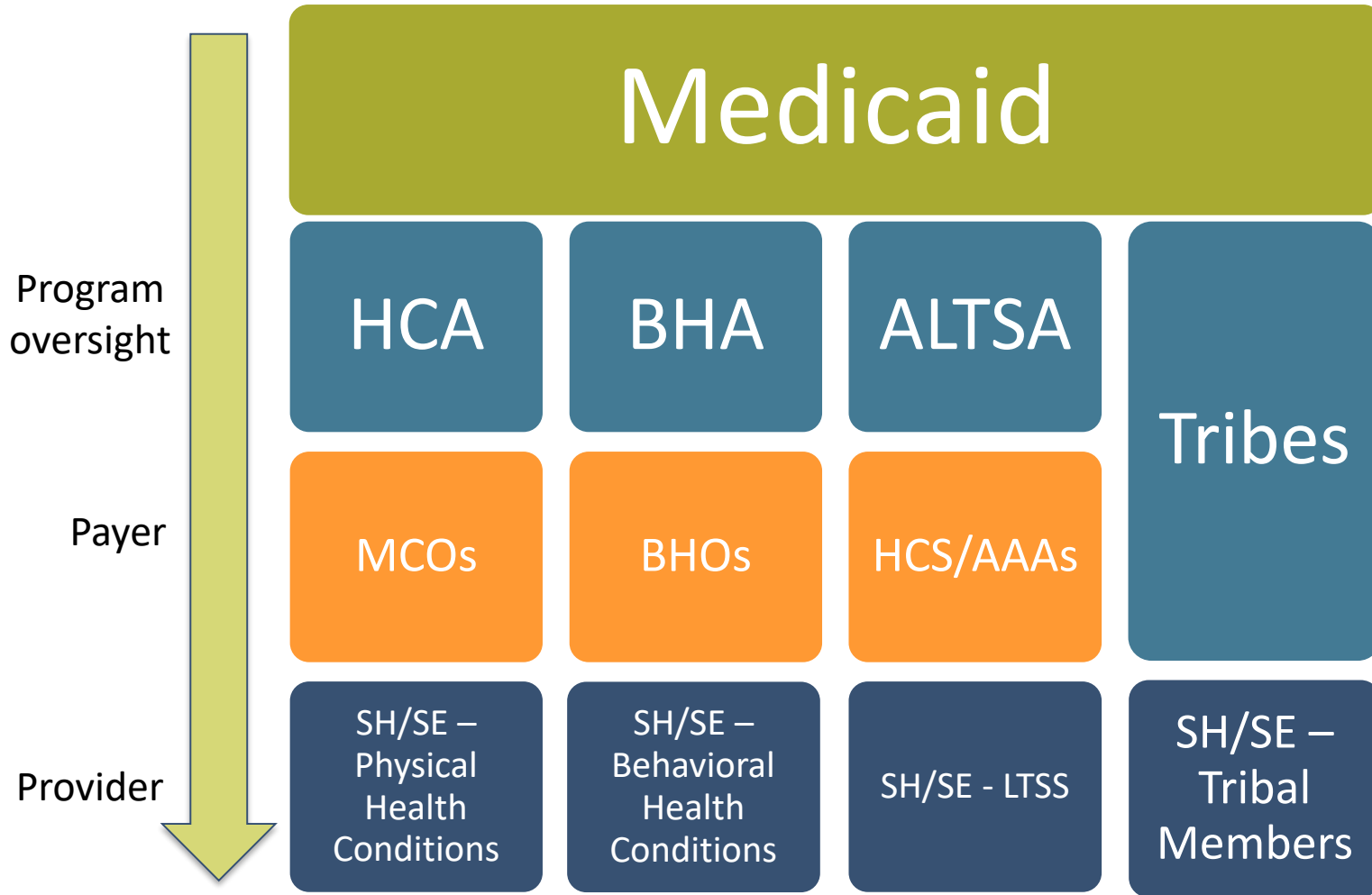


Supported employment target population

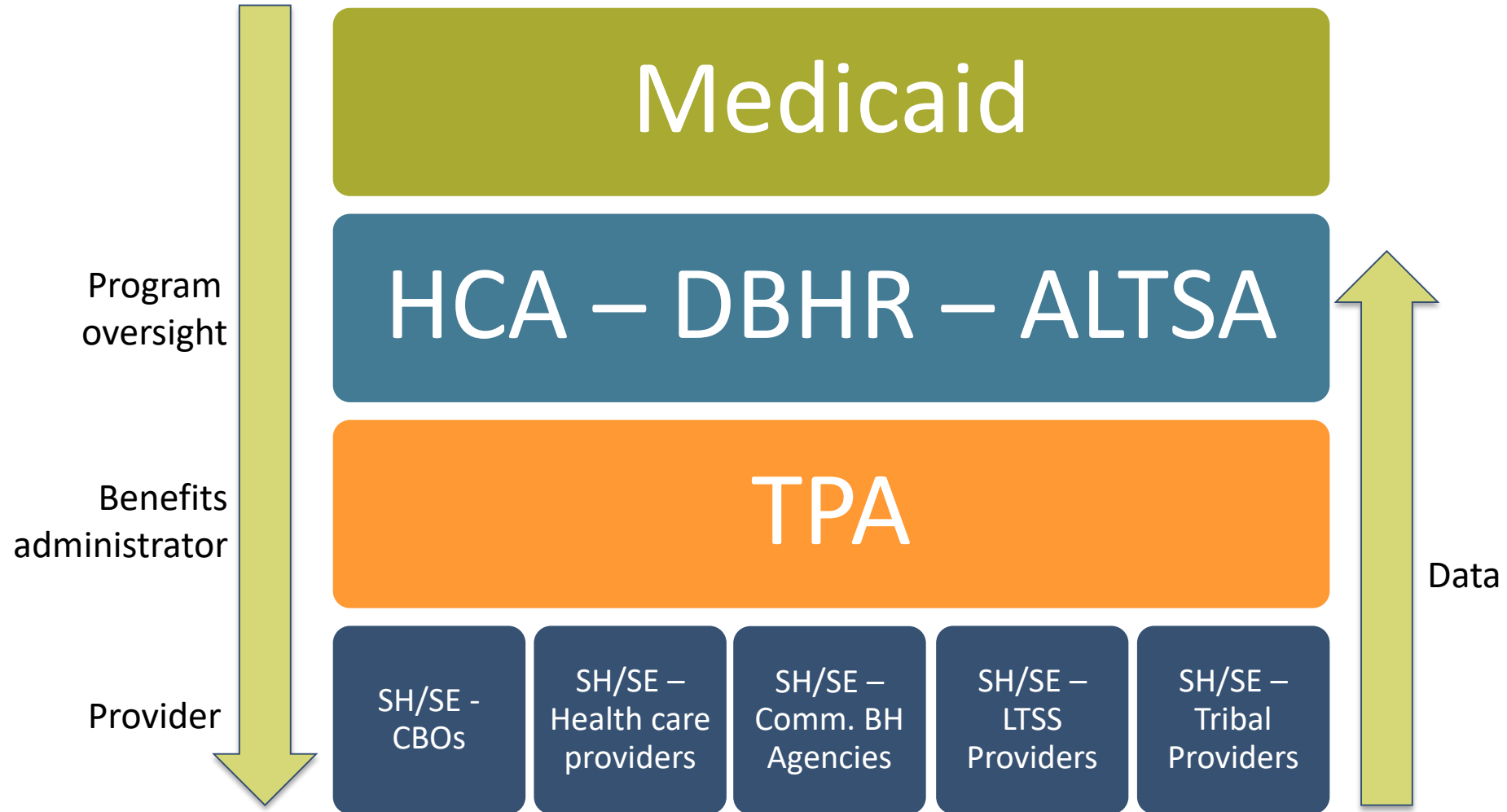
- Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD)/Housing and Essential Needs (HEN)
- Individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, individuals with multiple episodes of inpatient substance use treatment and/or co-occurring
- Working age youth with behavioral health conditions
- Individuals receiving long-term services and supports

Third Party Administrator

Initiative 3: Medicaid funds flow – previous model



Medicaid funds flow Current Model





What is a third party administrator?

- Contracted with the state
- Provides administrative oversight of benefit programs
 - Provider network development and maintenance
 - Service authorization
 - Distribution of reimbursement payments
 - Data/encounter tracking



Why use a third party administrator?

For the demonstration

- Single contract to serve all populations
- Monitor usage via single information source
- Single point of accountability
- Single data source for evaluation

For sustainability

- Build the program in order to transition to a sustainable model post-demonstration
 - Goal is to include managed care and fee-for-service components in the sustainability approach, post-third party administrator



What does this mean for providers?

- Single contracting entity for both benefits
- HCA, BHA and ALTSA will continue to provide technical assistance and consultation
- Pathways into the program
 - Direct contract with the TPA
 - Must demonstrate qualifications/capacity to deliver services
 - Must be able to bill for and receive Medicaid reimbursements
 - Subcontract with Medicaid provider
 - Must demonstrate qualifications/capacity to deliver services
 - Funds flow dependent on the contract



What does this mean for beneficiaries?

- Target populations remain the same
- Service array remains the same
- Single point of accountability
 - Benefit eligibility decisions
 - Service authorization
 - Grievances & Appeals



Provider reimbursements

- Rates TBD
- FCS Cost Model per user, per month:
 - Supportive Housing: \$575*
 - Supported Employment: \$550*
- Encounter units
 - Supportive Housing: Monthly
 - Supported Employment: ¼ Hour

*Cost model does not represent actual rates for services



Foundational Community Supports

Next steps

Foundational Community Supports protocol

- Protocol must be approved before services can be provided

Third party administrator

- Procurement released March 24th

WAC

- HCA: Program authorization
- DBHR: Certification WAC

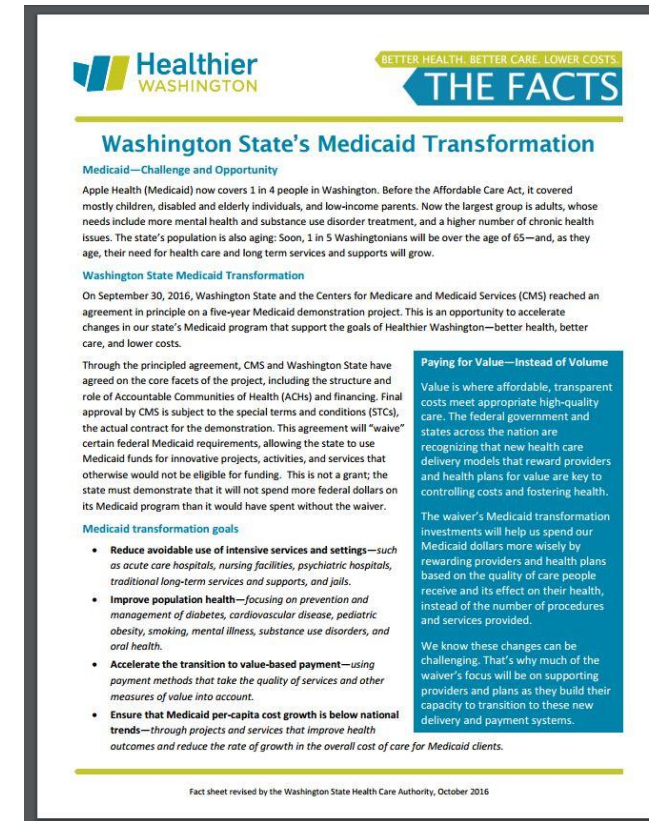
Initial provision of services to begin July 2017

- Benefits will be provided statewide

Learn more at www.hca.wa.gov/hw

Features:

- Demonstration videos
- Fact sheets
- Timeline



Join the Healthier
Washington Feedback
Network. Sign up at:
hca.wa.gov/hw

Send questions to:
[medicaidtransformation
@hca.wa.gov](https://medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov)

