

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



WSHIP BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2020

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Legislative Update: Cascade Care

12/5 Standard Plans approved. Public comment period now open re: procurement process.

SB 5526
“Public Option Bill”

- HBE, HCA, OIC Partnership

Keystones:

- Payment Cap = 160% of Medicare
- Standard Plans

Main Work Streams:

- 1) Standard Plans
- 2) Certified QHPs
- 3) Subsidy Study

HBE Open Enrollment:
Fall 2020

Effective Date:
Jan 2021

GOAL: *“These plans are designed to provide coverage options that are more understandable, more affordable and of more value to all Washingtonians.”*

Legislative Update: King County WSHIP Study

Per King County, study report is being finalized. (Not yet available for review.)

Public Health Report

- 150,000 Uninsured in King County (30% Non-Citizens)

King County Press Release

- Study Funding
- RFP

Conduct Feasibility Study Re: Reopening WSHIP Pool

Study to be Completed by Jan 2020 (Prior to Legislative Session)

GOAL: *King County will fund a study exploring the feasibility of reopening WSHIP's non-Medicare pool, as part of a series of steps intended to expand access to health care coverage and services to all uninsured residents in the region.*

Charter updated.
12/9 mtg ended
unexpectedly early.
Public comment
period extended to
12/30.

Legislative Update: Universal Health Care Workgroup

2019
Legislative
Budget Proviso
\$500,000
Allocation

9/20/19
1st Workgroup
Meeting
(36 Members)

Develop Reco's
Re: Implement,
Maintain & Fund
a Sustainable
Affordable
System

11/15/20
Work Group
Reco's Due
to
Legislature

GOAL: *Study and make recommendations on establishing a universal health care system that is sustainable and affordable to all WA residents. This may include publicly funded, publicly administered, and publicly and privately delivered health care.*



Legislative Update: Interim Session Outreach

12/3 Met with Rep. Cody

Monitored Legislative sessions

Connect with
HBE &
Cascade Care
Leaders/
Work Groups

Reach Out to
WSHIP
Feasibility
Study
Leaders

Meetings &
Follow-up
With Key
Legislators,
Stakeholders
& Agencies

Legis. Days:
• Sept 12,13
• Nov 20,21,22

WA State of
Reform Conf:
• Jan 9

SOME POTENTIAL TOPICS OF INTEREST IN THE COMING SESSION:

- Cascade Care
- Affordability
- Social Determinants of Health
- 2020 is an election year for many legislators
- New WA Legis. Leadership
- Universal Health Coverage
- Prior Authorization
- Hearing Aid Mandate
- PALS & Behavioral Health
- LTC Guaranty Fund
- WSHIP Study/Coverage Expansion
- Rx/PBMs/Benefit Managers



An Area of Growing Interest:

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

- The WA Healthcare Forum, a coalition of physicians, hospitals, health plans & state associations, is exploring potential areas of collective action related to SDOH
- Focus is on interventions that directly impact health care cost/outcomes
- Forum objectives:
 - Increase understanding of meaningful activities in local SDOH field
 - Inventory Forum member SDOH efforts
 - Discover relevant national work, data standards, assessments, etc.
 - Help identify potential targets for collaboration initiative