

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

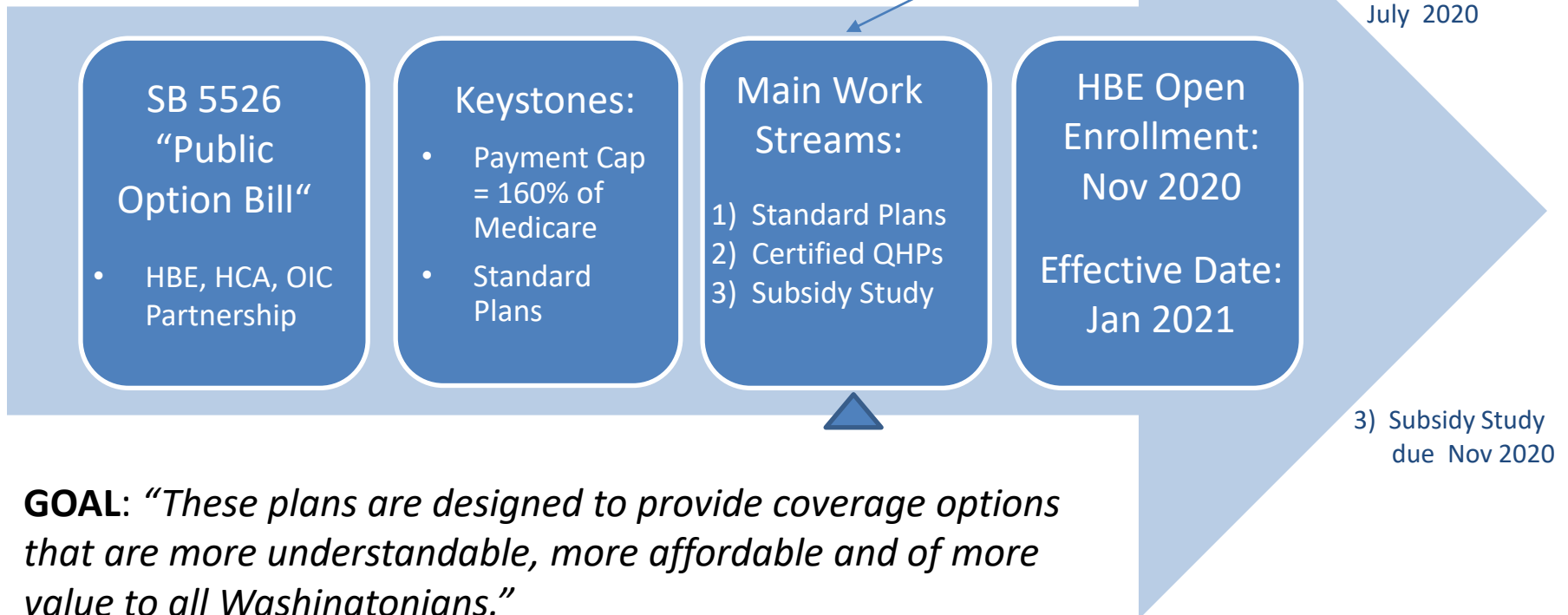


WSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2020

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# Legislative Update: Cascade Care



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

# Legislative Update: Universal Health Care Workgroup

3<sup>rd</sup> Workgroup meeting held Feb 7, 2020. Group learned/discussed different models of Universal Care & developed criteria for assessment. Next meeting April 22, 2020

2019  
Legislative  
Budget Proviso  
\$500,000  
Allocation

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

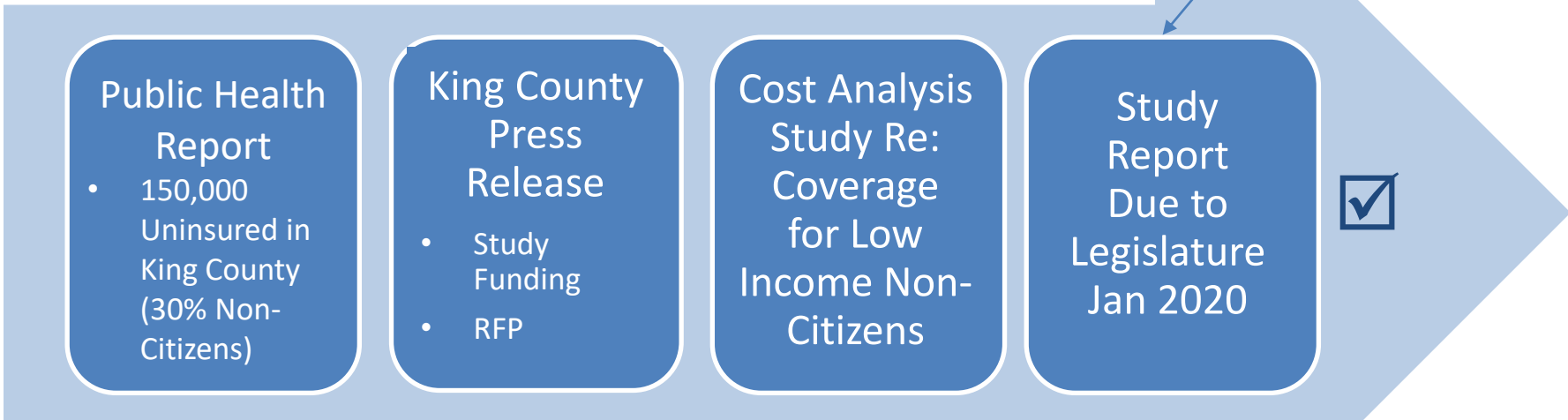
Develop Reco's  
Re: Implement,  
Maintain & Fund  
a Sustainable  
Affordable  
System

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: King County WSHIP Study

Study completed. WSHIP received Exec. Summary; expressed interest in seeing entire report if/when available.



**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.*



# Legislative Update: Interim Session Outreach

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



## **WSHIP INTERIM SESSION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:**

- *Connecting with HBE & Cascade Care leaders/workgroups & monitoring activities*
- *Reaching out & ongoing communication with King County re: WSHIP feasibility study*
- *Meeting with Rep. Cody in her home district*
- *Monitoring Fall Legislative Day work sessions*
- *Attending WA State of Reform conference*



# Legislative Update: 2020 Session Activities

Tomorrow is the last day of the short 60-day session.

Jan 13, 2020  
First Day of  
Session

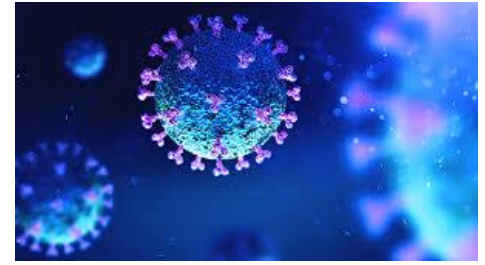
Feb 19, 2020  
Last Day to  
Pass Bills in  
House of  
Origin

Mar 6, 2020  
Last Day to  
Pass Bills in  
Opposite  
House

Mar 12, 2020  
Last Day of  
Session

## **NOTABLE BILLS THAT PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS INCLUDE THOSE SEEKING TO ADDRESS: (NONE WOULD DIRECTLY IMPACT WSHIP)**

- *Violence Against Care Givers*
- *Health Care Provider Credentialing*
- *PBM Regulation*
- *Capping Insulin Out-of-Pocket Costs*



## Legislative Update:

# COVID-19 Virus Response

- 02-29-20 Governor Inslee declares state of emergency
- 03-05-20 Commissioner Kreidler orders state regulated health insurers to:
  - Waive deductibles & copays for coronavirus testing
  - Allow a one-time early refill for prescription drugs
  - Suspend prior authorization requirements for treatment or testing of COVID-19
- 03-09-20 Proposed state operating budget increases funding for public health organizations to address COVID-19
- 03-10-20 HBE announces special enrollment period