

1. Background

The Washington State Legislature authorized the Medicaid Quality Improvement Program (MQIP) during the 2020 legislative session to support the Medicaid Transformation Project. MQIP allows Washington State to implement quality improvement programs for people enrolled in Apple Health (Medicaid). Under MQIP, Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) are responsible for partnering with participating public hospitals to implement certain activities that:

- Reinforce the delivery of quality health care.
- Support community health.

Through MQIP, MCOs will receive incentive funds to share with participating public hospitals when they meet specific milestones.

2. Implementation status and results

Health Care Authority (HCA) approved the first program milestone in April 2020. Milestone 1 approval was based on a project plan and implementation plan detailing the proposed activities and objectives. Below is a summary of the approved project proposals.

The Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts (AWPHD) and University of Washington Medicine (UW Medicine) are state public hospitals participating under MQIP, in partnership with MCOs.

AWPHD is working on a project that will:

- Support statewide efforts to prevent opioid dependency.
- Expand access to opioid use disorder treatments.
- Prevent opioid overdose in rural Washington.

UW Medicine is working on an initiative that focuses on care delivery sites, community engagement, and clinical quality. Under this initiative, UW will improve health care access and outcomes for all patients. Some activities of this initiative include:

- Expanding existing and identifying new promising clinical interventions to support access and whole person care.
- Improving processes for data collection, analysis, and patient/provider access.
- Sharing guidelines, tools, clinic practice improvements, and other learnings with clinical providers and community partners outside of UW Medicine.

In addition to providing an implementation plan status report and an updated work plan with additional project detail, Milestone 2 will require AWPHD and UW Medicine to identify project-specific measures of success to support program assessment and continuous improvement.

3. Expenditures

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 Quarter 1: January - March, 2020

No MQIP payments were made in Quarter 1 of 2020. The MQIP payments for Milestone 1 will be released in June 2020. Below are the details of the scheduled payments:

MCO Earned Admin and Payments to Public Hospitals (Anticipated June 2020)						
	Amerigroup	Community Health Plan	Coordinated Care	Molina	United Healthcare	Total
Admin	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$750,000
UW	\$6,489,277	\$6,489,278	\$6,489,278	\$6,489,278	\$6,489,278	\$32,446,389
Evergreen Healthcare & Valley Medical Center	\$1,427,641	\$1,427,640	\$1,427,641	\$1,427,642	\$1,427,642	\$7,138,206
AWPHD	\$59,469	\$59,468	\$59,468	\$59,469	\$59,468	\$297,342
Public Hospitals Statewide	\$135,209	\$135,211	\$135,210	\$135,209	\$135,210	\$676,049
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