

Getting the right care when needed proves valuable

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Sherry Beauchamp has worked at the University of Washington School of Medicine since 2008, so joining UMP Plus, a value-based health plan offered by the state to public employees, “seemed the logical choice.”

One day, Sherry fell while running to catch a bus, injuring her face and forearms. “My nose was bleeding, and I was afraid I'd broken it,” she remembers. After walking home, Sherry asked her neighbor for a ride to her

primary care provider's office.

“Although I did not have an appointment, I was seen within 30 minutes, treated well by everyone I interacted with, and reassured that my injuries were not as bad as I feared (my nose wasn't broken!).” With her health plan, Sherry was able to get the care she needed right away without seeking treatment at an emergency room.

Along with receiving prompt primary care,

Sherry has been able to quickly schedule specialist appointments when she needs them. Her primary care provider efficiently helps her schedule specialty visits. With multiple providers offering her coordinated care, Sherry likes that her “medical records are all in one place and easily accessible by any provider.” This greater coordination of care means all of Sherry's providers are better informed and can offer higher-quality health care.

Sherry appreciates that her health plan provides her with fast, quality care from the right providers when she needs it most.

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