



# Health IT Operational Plan Update meeting

September 28, 2021

# Agenda

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- ▶ HCA Implementation of CMS Interoperability Rules
  - ▶ Patient Access API
  - ▶ Provider Directory API
  
- ▶ Community Health Access and Rural Transformation (CHART) Model
  
- ▶ Broadband and Funding Opportunities
  - ▶ USDA Emergency Rural Healthcare Program
  - ▶ Other Funding opportunities
  - ▶ Requirements for WA State Matching Grants for Federal Funding

# CMS Interoperability Rules

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# Interoperability Rules

- CMS released the final Interoperability rules on March 9, 2020.
- The rules aim to advance the interoperable electronic exchange of patient health information, improve patient access to their health information, and prevent information blocking
- 2 provisions of the rule (Patient Access API and Provider Directory) compliance date: Originally January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, pushed to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

## HCA's Implementation of Patient Access / Provider Directory API

- Patient Access API (implementation date 10/15/2021)
  - Contracted with the ProviderOne vendor (CNSI)
  - Fee For Service (FFS) population only
  - Working on Client communication
  - Patients (Clients) can choose any 3<sup>rd</sup> party app to access the API (CNSI App will be available at implementation)
- Provider Directory API (Implementation date 12/10/2021)
  - HCA contracted with the ProviderOne vendor (CNSI)





# Update on Washington's Community Health Access Rural Transformation (CHART) Model

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# CHART Overview

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- ▶ A seven-year cooperative funding agreement between HCA and CMS
- ▶ Three other entities awarded funding to serve as Lead Organizations:
  - ▶ University of Alabama Birmingham
  - ▶ State of South Dakota Department of Social Services
  - ▶ Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- ▶ The CHART Model seeks to transform the health care system in rural communities in the North Central region of Washington State (Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties)
- ▶ Participant Hospitals agree to:
  - ▶ New Medicare Fee-For-Service capitated model
  - ▶ New Medicaid payment model
  - ▶ New commercial health plan model (encouraged, but optional)

# Washington's CHART Model Goals

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- ▶ HCA will work with Participant Hospitals to test an innovative value-based payment for Medicare and Medicaid
- ▶ HCA will lead the development and implementation of a Community Transformation Plan in consultation with an Advisory Council
- ▶ HCA will also work with Participant Hospitals, North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH), and other community partners, to:
  - ▶ Increase access to equitable, coordinated, high-quality, whole-person care
  - ▶ Increase population health by building healthier communities and connecting local and regional partners
  - ▶ Reduce costs across all payers



# Proposed Health Care Redesign Models and Interventions

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- ▶ Washington Multi-Payer Primary Care Model (MPPCM)
- ▶ Expansion of Duals in Health Homes
- ▶ Implementation of and adherence to select Bree Collaborative community standards and recommendations
- ▶ Perinatal standards of care and doulas

# Washington CHART Model Participants

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- ▶ Lead Organization: HCA
  - ▶ Oversees population health redesign, design and implementation of Medicaid model, recruitment of other health plans, hospitals
  - ▶ Works in collaboration with the Advisory Council and other key stakeholders
- ▶ Defined community: North Central – Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties
- ▶ Advisory Council
  - ▶ Leads development of a population health plan for the defined community, in consultation with HCA
  - ▶ HCA Chief Medical Officer Judy Zerzan-Thul, MD and NCACH Chief Executive Officer Linda Parlette will co-chair the council
- ▶ All CAHs and acute care hospitals located in North Central are eligible and invited to participate in the CHART model
- ▶ Quality metrics
  - ▶ All payers are required to collect the same metrics
  - ▶ CMS selected metrics (across all CHART communities); Lead Organization selects other metrics

# Participating Payers in North Central

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- ▶ All Medicare FFS lives
- ▶ All Medicaid lives
- ▶ All PEBB and SEBB enrollees
- ▶ All other payer lives receiving whole-person care at Participant Hospitals (encouraged, but optional)

# Timeline: Overview

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- ▶ CHART duration is seven years, from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2028
- ▶ Pre-implementation period begins on October 1, 2021 and runs through December 31, 2022
- ▶ Six performance periods, first period begins January 2023
- ▶ Medicare payment model begins January 2023
- ▶ Medicaid payment model begins January 2024
- ▶ Two-year transition period at the conclusion of the model

# Timeline: Pre-Implementation Period (PIP)

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- ▶ The PIP begins on October 1, 2021 and extends through December 31, 2022
- ▶ During the PIP, HCA will:
  - ▶ Operations/Administrative tasks
    - ▶ Hiring staff/staffing of CHART
    - ▶ Drafting and finalizing a workplan
    - ▶ Release RFP for APM consultant
  - ▶ Work with the State Office of Rural Health (SORH), North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH), and the Washington State Hospital Association to convene all North Central hospitals, public hospital boards, and other key stakeholders
  - ▶ Convene the first meeting with the Advisory Council
  - ▶ Update and present the gap analysis, health care delivery system redesign, and impact analysis to the Advisory Council
  - ▶ Draft a Community Transformation Plan (CTP) for review by the Advisory Council and approved by CMS



# Funding

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- ▶ During the PIP, HCA will explore multiple funding options to sustain the model, including:
  - ▶ Grants from interested entities e.g., Arnold Ventures, Peterson Center on Healthcare, and Empire Health Foundation
  - ▶ State general fund revenue requested through a DP submitted to Washington's Governor and State Legislature
  - ▶ Intergovernmental transfers from Public Hospital Districts

# Next Steps

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- ▶ HCA is engaging CMS in further negotiations and discussions, with particular attention to:
  - ▶ Scaling the Model to include additional regions and hospitals throughout Washington State
  - ▶ Inclusion of Medicare in Washington's Multi-Payer Primary Care Transformation Model (MPPCTM)

# Questions?

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# Contact information

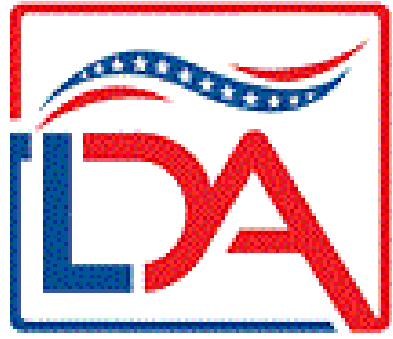
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# USDA Emergency Rural Healthcare

This program provides up to \$500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities. Funding is in two Tracks.

- **Deadline:** October 12, 2021
- **Washington State Funding for Track One:** \$5,400,000
- **Award Range:** \$25,000-\$1,000,000
- **Project Period:** 3 Years
- **Match Requirement:** 25-85% (depends highly on your locations selected)
- **Program Emphasis:**
  - Increase telehealth capabilities, including equipment and training necessary for telehealth providers and end-users
  - Increase capacity for vaccine distribution (e.g., cold storage, vehicle, transportation, and other equipment expenses)
  - Provide medical supplies and equipment to increase medical surge capacity
  - Support staffing needs for testing or vaccine administration
  - To pay professional service fees and charges

# Priority Factors

- **Income / Poverty Guidelines:**
  - <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>
- **Distressed Communities:**
  - <https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=06a26a91d074426d944d22715a90311e>
- **Social Vulnerability:**
  - <https://ruraldevelopment.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7688d4bea97348e79291f271eeaf3967>
- **COVID Impact** (not a factor in WA)
  - <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/topher.aston/viz/PUBLICCOVIDDASHBOARD-4FACTORONLY/Dashboard1>
- **Population**
  - Populations of < 5,000 = maximum scoring and lowest match requirement
  - Populations of > 5,000 but < 10,000
  - Populations of 10,000-20,000

# Washington State Broadband Office Funding Opportunities 2021-2022



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# Washington State Broadband Office

## Funding Opportunities 2021-2022

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### Matching Grants

- \$25 million available in matching funds for local partners who are applying for federal broadband infrastructure funding (grants or loans).
- The cycle is currently open and closes on November 15, 2021 at 5 p.m.
- There will be another funding cycle in 2022

### Digital Navigator Grant

- \$7.4M total, approx. \$1.5M prioritized for grants serving Medicaid clients.
- Grants to entities that provide digital navigator services, devices and subscriptions.
- Grant RFP goes out 10/4/2021

### Infrastructure Acceleration Round 1 - \$135M

- Application Opens: 10/2021
- Application Part 1: Eligibility and Readiness Survey – due 10/18/21
- Decisions and Invitations from WSBO sent by: 11/8/21
- Application Part 2 due: 11/29/21
- WSBO select projects by or before: 12/31/21

### Infrastructure Acceleration Round 2 - \$131M

- Application opens April 2022
- Other key dates TBD

# Matching Grants for Federal Funding

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Grant awards for projects that are strong candidates for federal broadband infrastructure funding opportunities.

## Requirements

- **Broadband infrastructure:** “networks of deployed communications equipment and technologies necessary to provide high-speed internet access and other advance telecommunications service to end users” [RCW 43.330.530](#)
  - **Equipment** – fixed, useful life of ~13 years. [2021-31 Capital Budget Instructions \(wa.gov\)](#)
- **Eligible applicants:** local governments, Tribes, nonprofits, public/private partnerships.
- **Grant amounts:** Up to \$5M or 25% of federal award sought, whichever is less.
- **Deadline:** Open now! Due November 15 for first round.



“What gets  
measured gets  
done!”  
Thank you.

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# Bi-Monthly HIT Operational Plan Meetings

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- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Tues. of every other month.
- ▶ Next meeting: October 26

# Questions?

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## More Information:

We anticipate that bi-monthly updates will be posted on HCA Transformation website.

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/health-information-technology/washington-state-medicaid-hit-plan>

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