Midpoint assessment of transformation project activities

During August through October 2019, the independent assessor (IA) will conduct a midpoint assessment of the Healthier Washington Medicaid Transformation Initiative 1 projects.¹

- The independent assessor will systematically identify recommendations for improving individual Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) and implementation of their Project Plans.
- The work of the IA is part of the state’s agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and included in the special terms and conditions (STCs).

ACHs are required to participate in the midpoint assessment and adopt recommendations that emerge from the review.

Purpose of midpoint assessment

- Provide a “point in time” assessment of progress on milestones and deliverables, as agreed to in the ACHs’ Project Plans.
- Provide information to aid ACHs in correcting any midpoint difficulties and support future success.
- Provide “at-risk” project identification, guidance, and monitoring to ACHs and Health Care Authority.
- Obtain feedback from partners on whether they have the support needed to be successful.
- Gather diverse perspectives and experiences related to Initiative 1.

Timeline and opportunities for public input

- IA conducts midpoint assessment procedures (e.g., interviews): September – October 2019
- ACHs, partnering providers, and the public will have the opportunity to offer input:
  - Initial midpoint assessment findings published to the HCA webpage: December 6, 2019
  - Initial midpoint assessment findings Public Comment Webinar: December 9, 2019
  - Public Comment Period Ends: December 13, 2019
- Final findings in midpoint assessment report to HCA and ACHs: December 2019

Questions?

Questions about the midpoint assessment can be sent to the Independent Assessor at WADSRIP@mslc.com.

¹ Washington State Health Care Authority contracted with Myers and Stauffer to serve as the Independent Assessor. The IA focuses specifically on Initiative 1, Transformation through ACHs. The IA has no affiliation with ACHs or partnering providers.