

# About Washington's Medicaid Quality Improvement Program (MQIP)

## What's MQIP?

MQIP allows Washington to design quality improvement projects for Apple Health (Medicaid) enrollees. Under MQIP, managed care organizations (MCOs) partner with public hospitals (called “partnering providers”) to implement certain activities that:

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

Through MQIP, MCOs collaborate with partnering providers to receive incentive funds as they meet designated milestones and metrics. [Read the MQIP 2.0 milestones guidance to learn more.](#)

## Current MQIP participants

### Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA)

### Managed care organizations (MCOs)

- Community Health Plan of Washington
- Coordinated Care of Washington
- Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc.
- United Healthcare Community Plan
- Wellpoint

### Partnering providers

- The University of Washington (UW), in association with UW Medicine
- The Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts (AWPHD), on behalf of AWPHD members

## MQIP goals for 2023-2028

Starting in late 2023, Washington is implementing a revised approach for MQIP. HCA will focus on improving social needs screening rates and reporting, which help address inequities and social determinants of health.

To do this, HCA will engage collaboratively with MCOs and their network providers to design a comprehensive strategy to improve social needs screening rates and reporting. MQIP 2.0 will focus on **Social Need Screening (SNS)**. SNS is a growing body of work with increased importance to address health-related social needs. MQIP 2.0 will provide incentives to MCOs as they work with partnering providers to:

- Engage in projects that seek to improve data quality, improve screening rates, and improve referral rates.
- Report on SNS rates and results over time.