



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Dear Partners:

**SUBJECT: Notification of Participation of Requirements**

As both a payer and a collaborator, the Health Care Authority (HCA) is advancing Washington's capabilities to collect, share, and use integrated physical and behavioral health information from provider's Electronic Health Record systems (EHRs). The Washington Link4Health Clinical Data Repository (CDR) is being implemented in direct response to the interoperability challenges to sharing clinical information identified by the community in a Request for Information (RFI) solicitation and ongoing feedback to the Medicaid Meaningful Use Program.

The CDR aggregates clinical information from disparate EHRs in one easily accessible location. Practitioners who take care of Apple Health Managed Care enrollees can import data from the CDR into their EHR and then view it using their standard workflow. By providing access to clinical information from outside the enterprise, the CDR helps the care team gain a more comprehensive understanding of the patient's medical history.

HCA believes this level of clinical data-sharing is an essential foundational element to enable clinicians to achieve better results for their patients and improve overall community health. In partnership with our Managed Care Organizations, HCA is using existing authorities to advance participation in the WA Link4Health CDR to connect a critical mass of organizations to community-level data.

***New Requirement:*** To achieve the important outcomes that health information exchange can enable, new contract requirements were established in section 7.11.4 of the Medicaid Managed Health Contracts effective October 1, 2015:

***The Contractor shall require that when subcontracted provider organizations with certified EHRs see an Apple Health Managed Care enrollee, they send a care summary (CCDA) from the providers EHR to the WA Link4Health Clinical Data Repository beginning no later than February 1, 2017.***

***Note:*** This requirement only applies to provider organizations who have already invested in certified EHR technology.

If your organization is receiving Medicaid or Medicare EHR incentive payments, it has already been determined that your system meets certification requirements. Participation in the CDR

may help eligible hospitals and providers meet Stage 2 Meaningful Use requirements and receive additional EHR incentive payments. Contributing care summaries to the CDR may satisfy the requirement to exchange clinical summaries. Querying the CDR may satisfy requirements for medication reconciliation. Further details will be published in the coming weeks at [www.HealthIT.wa.gov](http://www.HealthIT.wa.gov).

HCA is also advising the EHR vendor community of the requirements so they are prepared to support health care organizations to automate the exports of the Care Summary document after each Medicaid patient visit.

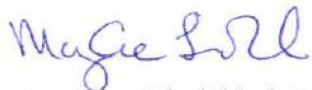
HCA appreciates your participation in our delivery network and together this initiative can support delivery systems in their care transformation efforts, integrate physical and behavioral health data, and provides MCOs and Medicaid with the management information needed for program administration and audit purposes.

For specific contractual questions, please contact the Managed Care Organization forwarding this letter to you.

To learn more about WA Link4Health and Meaningful Use Incentives, visit [www.HealthIT.wa.gov](http://www.HealthIT.wa.gov). Please sign up for our monthly newsletter to receive timely updates at [newsletters](#). Email your questions about the Clinical Data Repository to [HealthIT@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HealthIT@hca.wa.gov).

The Health Care Authority is the first customer of this service being offered by our technology partner, OneHealthPort(OHP). They manage the service and will assist you with taking the steps to register with the statewide HIE through OHP and begin testing. To learn how to register, please visit [http://www.onehealthport.com/HCA\\_CDR](http://www.onehealthport.com/HCA_CDR).

Sincerely,



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