Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Department of Social and Health Services have made a commitment to public health, ensuring that the state’s residents can access quality care no matter their income or circumstances.

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Gellerman has enjoyed a 20-year career in Washington government, serving as a public lawyer, regulator, and executive manager in the field of insurance and health policy. She began her state service as an assistant attorney general and was later awarded the Attorney General Rob McKenna’s first excellence in service award. She then joined the Department of Labor and Industries, where she managed several programs including the self-insurance program. She joined the Office of the Insurance Commissioner in 2015 as the Deputy Director for Legal Affairs, and then assumed leadership of the Policy and Legislative Affairs division as well. In 2018, she was appointed by Commissioner Mike Kreider to be Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner, the first woman in Washington to hold that role. She joined the Health Care Authority in 2021 as manager of the newly established Health Care Cost Transparency Board and is delighted at the opportunity to work with stakeholders and citizens to take on the rising cost of health care. Gellerman currently serves on a Board member for Kids’ Chance Washington, which provides educational scholarships to children and spouses of Washington workers permanently or fatally injured in workplace accidents. She lives in Olympia with her partner and her terrier, Rosie.

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"I’m very excited about the relief we can provide businesses and families, and the room we can make for other social investments in the state. It wouldn’t be possible without the support of Peterson, Milbank, and other innovative state leaders."

Sue Birch

**Additional Policy Initiatives**

- A new multipayer purchasing group including public and private payers began working last fall. The group is proactively engaging across programs and insurance markets with a primary care initiative.
- A coordinating group with members from HCA, our Health and Human Service public agencies, and public insurers is shaping public policies to reduce tobacco use, with focused discussions targeting our aging information systems and opportunities to connect services for clients.
- HCA is the lead for the State’s all-payer claims database and clinical data repository and is implementing Cascade Care (the state’s public option health insurance program) in partnership with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner under federal Health Exchanges.
- HCA is supporting implementation-based purchasing (RBF) and works closely with contracted health plans and providers to implement new payment models and align purchasing across the Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network’s Alternative Payment Model Framework. HCA issues annual surveys to providers and health plans to track progress and gauge insights on collaborations with RBF.
- HCA has funded multi-stakeholder data projects and initiatives that link multi-stakeholder data to targeted and data-driven health interventions. The Center for Health Information Excellence at the University of Washington is working with the Washington Health Benefit Exchange (WHBE) to identify and evaluate the implications of the Multi-State Medicaid Expansion Demonstration/State Innovation Model Demonstration (SIM) and SIM+ demonstration projects for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- HCA has supported the establishment of nine Accountable Communities of Health and continues to partner closely with each region on health status transformation activities.

**Implementation status**

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