

# Washington State Health Care Authority

## HCA Update – Health Innovation for Washington

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# Today's Meeting Agenda

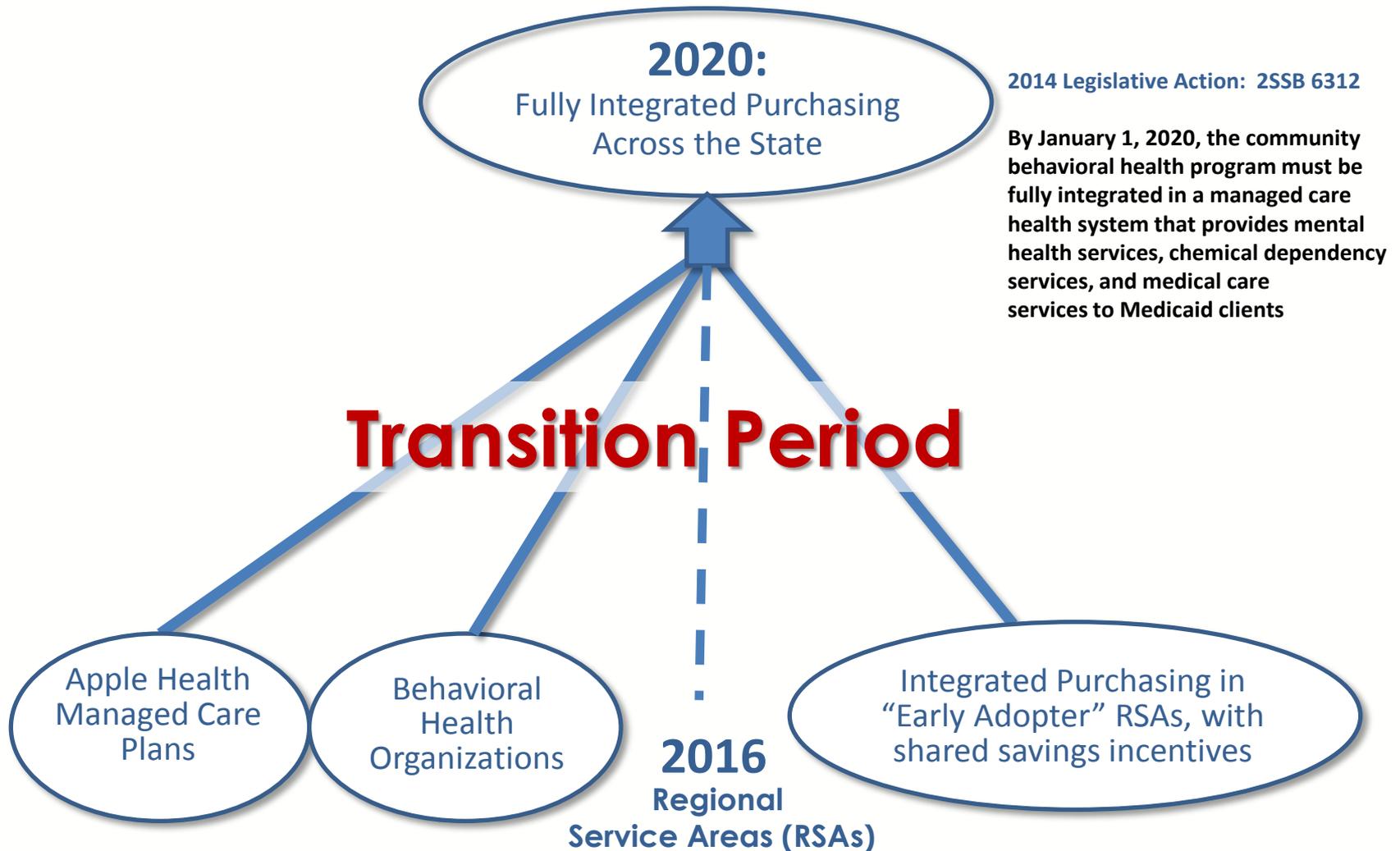
- Integrated Purchasing Timelines / Early Adopters
- Performance Measures Update
- Managed Care Contract Management

# Integrated Purchasing Timelines / Early Adopters

# Potential Payment Redesign Opportunities

- **MODEL TEST 1: *Early Adopter of Medicaid Integration***  
Test how integrated Medicaid financing for physical and behavioral health accelerates integrated delivery of whole-person care
- **MODEL TEST 2: *Encounter-based to Value-based***  
Test a value-based alternative payment methodology in Medicaid for federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics and pursue new flexibility in delivery and financial incentives for participating Critical Access Hospitals
- **MODEL TEST 3: *Puget Sound PEB and Multi-Purchaser***  
Through existing PEB partners & volunteering purchasers, test new accountable network, benefit design and payment approaches
- **MODEL TEST 4: *Greater Washington Multi-Payer***  
Test integrated finance and delivery through a multi-payer network with a capacity to coordinate, share risk and engage a sizeable population

# Parallel Paths to Purchasing Transformation



# 2016 Medicaid Purchasing Context

- **“Early adopter” regional service areas**
  - Fully Integrated managed care plans contract for full physical and behavioral health risk
- **“Other” regional service areas**
  - Managed care plans contract for physical health for all and mental health for individuals who do not meet access-to-care standards  
AND
  - Behavioral health organizations provide substance use disorder services for all and mental health for individuals who do meet access-to-care standards

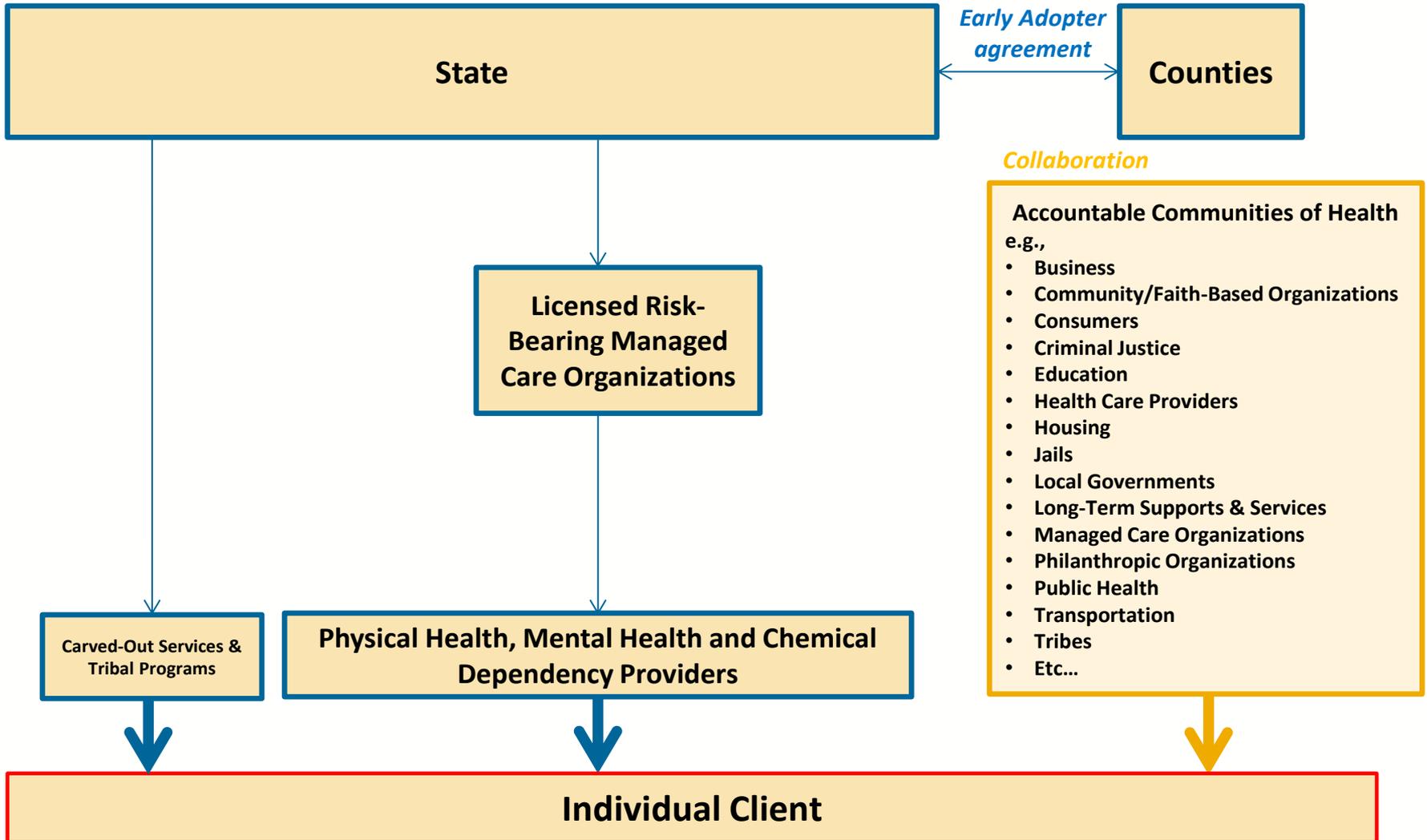
# Purchasing in “Early Adopter” RSAs

- Standards developed jointly by the HCA and DSHS
- Agreement by county authorities in a regional service area
- Compliance with Medicaid and State managed care contracting requirements
- Shared savings incentives
  - Payments targeted at 10% of savings realized by the State
  - Based on outcome and performance measures
  - Available for up to 6 years or until fully integrated purchasing occurs statewide
- Models continuing to be discussed broadly

# Early Adopter Regions: Fully Integrated Physical & Behavioral Health Purchasing Basic Managed Care Arrangements

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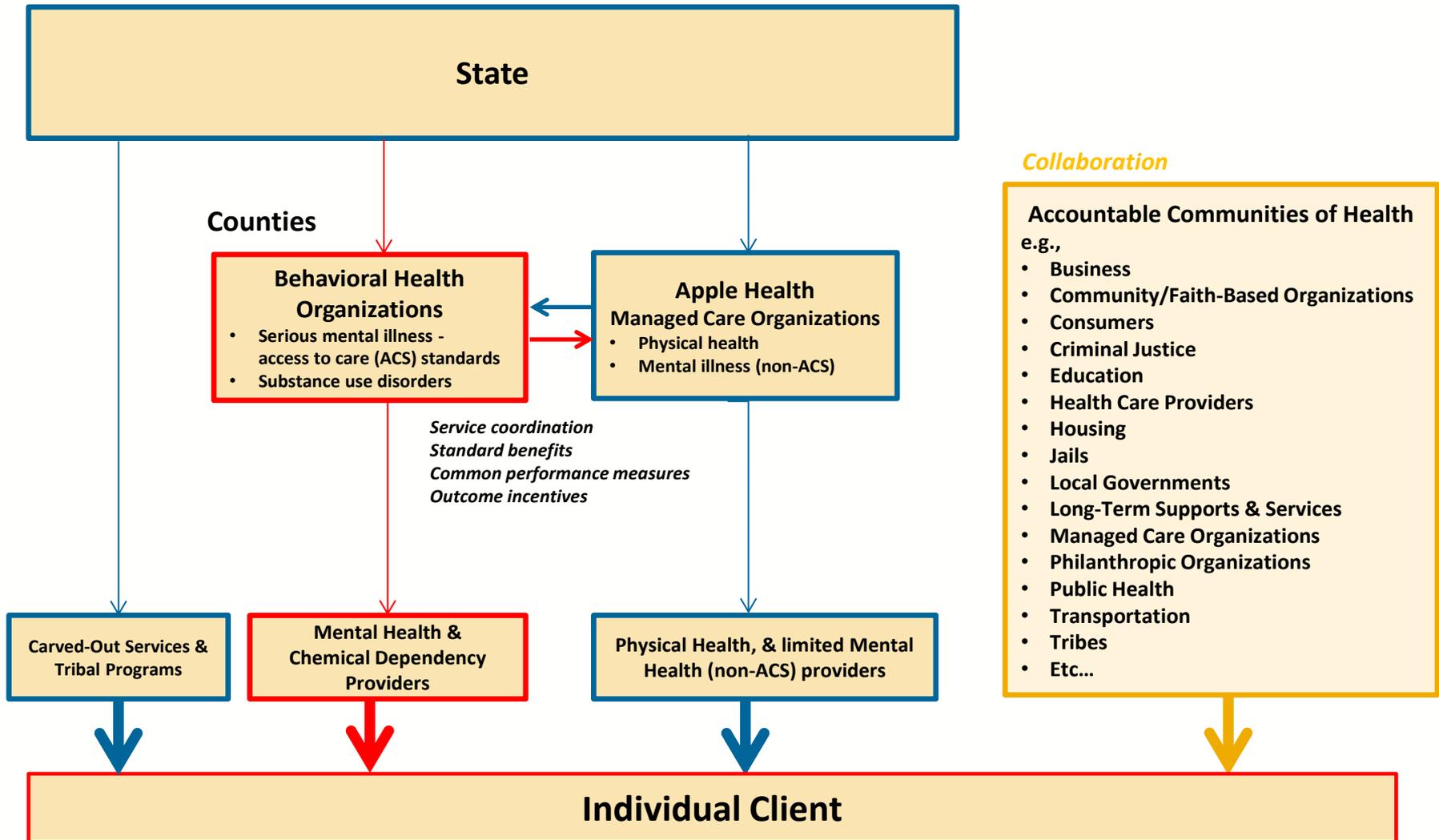


# Other Regions: Physical & Behavioral Health Purchasing

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## Separate Managed Care Arrangements

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# “Early Adopters”: Community Planning Interest

- 1 Pierce County Health Innovation Partnership
- 2 North Sound Accountable Community of Health
- 3 King County
- 4 Better Health Together
- 5 CHOICE Regional Health Network
- 6 Benton-Franklin Community Health Alliance
- 7 Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance
- 8 South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency
- 9 Yakima County Accountable Community of Health
- 10 North Central Health Partnership



Community of Health Planning Regions

# Medicaid Integration Timeline

**2014**

**2015**

**2016**

## Early Adopter Regions

**JUN**  
Prelim. Model models

**JUL**  
Model Vetting

**NOV**  
County letters of interest

**JAN**  
Full integ. RFP

**APR**  
Vendors selected

**JULY**  
Draft managed care contracts

**NOV**  
Final managed care contracts

**JAN**  
Signed contracts

## Common Elements

**MAR**  
SB 6312; HB 2572 enacted

**JUL**  
Prelim. County RSAs

**SEP**  
Final Task Force RSAs

**OCT**  
DSHS/HCA RSAs  
Joint purchasing policy & joint CMS call

**MAY to JULY**

- 2016 SPAs to CMS
- CMS approval
- Provider network review
- P1 correspondence

**DEC**  
CMS SPAs approved; readiness review begins

**MAR**  
CMS approval complete

**APR**  
Integrated coverage begins in RSAs

## BHO/ AH Regions

**JAN**  
Other RSAs (BHO/AH)

**APR**  
2016 AH MCOs confirmed

- JULY**
- BHO detailed plan requirements
  - Draft BHO managed care contracts
  - AH RFN (network)

**OCT**  
BHO detailed plan response  
AH network due

**NOV**  
AH contract signed

**JAN**  
BHO detailed plans reviewed  
Revised AH MC contract

**APR**  
Final BHO and rev. AH contracts

**RSA** – Regional service areas

**MCO** – Managed Care Organization

**BHO** – Behavioral Health Organization

**AH** – Apple Health (medical managed care)

**SPA** – Medicaid State Plan amendment

**CMS** – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

**Early Adopter Regions:** Fully integrated purchasing

**BHO/AH Regions:** Separate managed care arrangements for physical and behavioral health care

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# Performance Measures Update

# Key Strategy in WA Innovation Plan

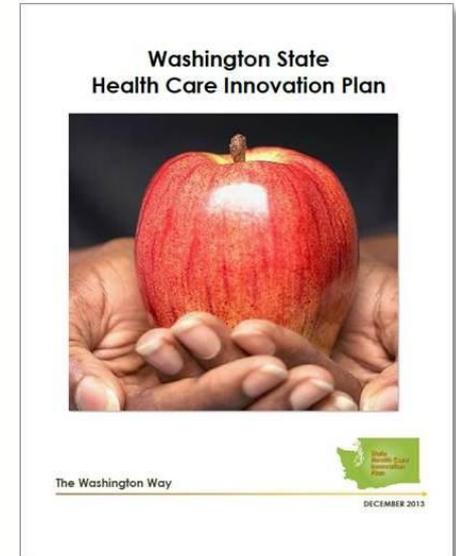
## WA Innovation Plan:

*Better Health, Better Care, Better Value*

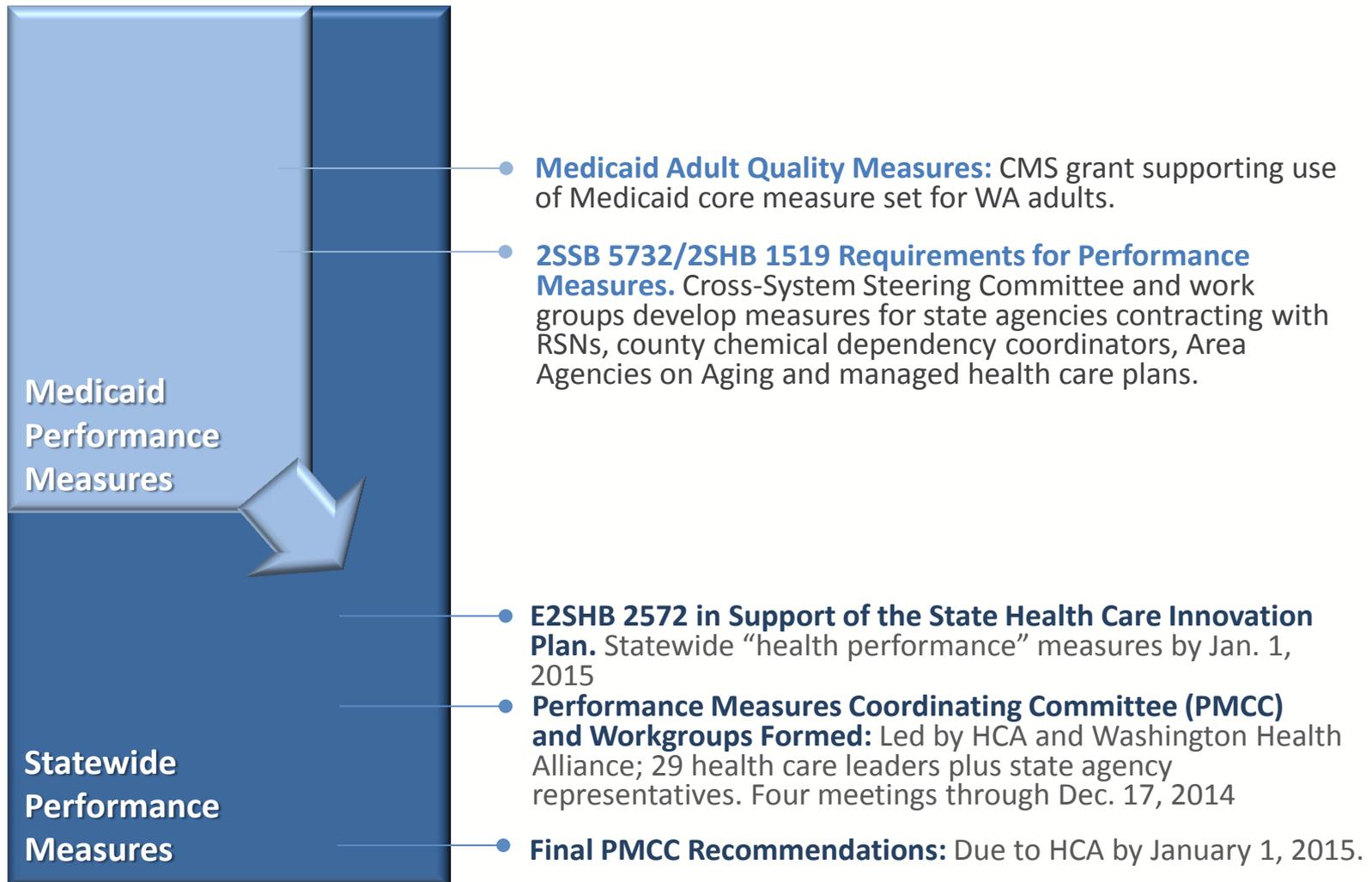
## Build a Culture of Robust Transparency:

a Foundational Building Block

- Develop a statewide measure set
- Collect and report statewide data
- Make quality and cost of providers and services transparent for all



# Performance Measures: Evolution of Common Measure Sets in WA



# Legislative Language: ESHB 2572, Section 6

- **Under ESHB 2572**, HCA is charged with facilitation of the Performance Measurement Committee
  - *Committee charged with recommending standard statewide measures of “health performance” by January 1, 2015.*
  - *Committee’s measures recommendation submitted to HCA Director*

# Role of Performance Measurement Committee

- **Committee responsibilities:**
  - Set overall direction for developing recommendations, including:
    - *Scope of measurement*
    - *Measure selection process*
    - *Potential measure stratifications*
  - Ensure a transparent process and ample opportunity for public comment
  - Review and recommend final measure set to HCA
  - Recommend ongoing process to evaluate and modify measure set

# Role of the Technical Work Groups

- **Three technical work groups:**
  - *Prevention*
  - *Acute Care*
  - *Chronic Illness*
- **Each work group will:**
  - be responsible for reviewing and recommending up to 15 measures, *based on measurement selection criteria approved by the PMCC*
  - consider and propose if and how to stratify selected measures by population
  - develop a “parking lot” of high priority measures for potential future use

# High Priority\* Topics by Workgroup

PREVENTION	ACUTE CARE	CHRONIC ILLNESS
Adult Screening(s)	Avoidance of Overuse	Asthma
Behavioral Health/Depression	Behavioral Health	Care Coordination
Childhood: early and adolescents	Cardiac	Depression
Immunizations	Cost and Utilization	Diabetes
Nutrition/ Physical Activity/ Obesity	Readmissions/Care Transitions	Drug and Alcohol Use
Obstetrics	Obstetrics	Functional Status
Oral Health	Patient Experience	Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease
Safety/Accident Prevention	Patient Safety	Medications
Tobacco Cessation	Pediatric	
Utilization	Potentially Avoidable Care	
	Stroke	

# Object of Measurement:

- **The measure set may be used to assess** hospitals and medical groups (including integrated health systems), health plans, or geographic regions (counties, ACH).
  - *Some measures can apply to both providers and health plans, while some may only be applicable to one or the other.*
  - *Health plan measures applied to providers may not yield the exact same result.*
- **The measure set will use common measures wherever possible across payer types**, minimizing exceptions. Measure set may include separate measures for commercial and Medicaid populations on a limited basis.

# Final Recommendations May Include:

## 1. Recommended “Starter Set” Measures

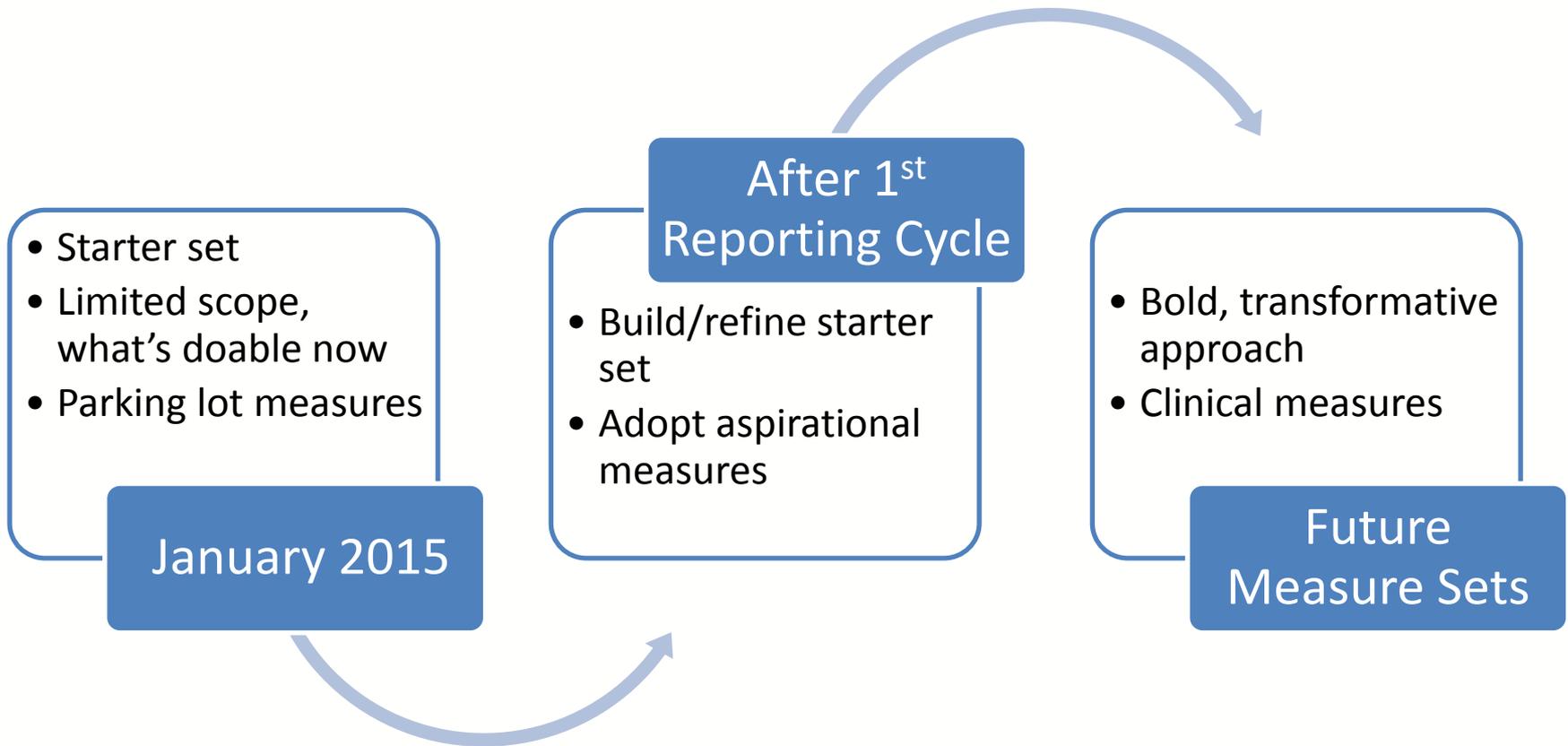
— For each measure:

- Measure definition
- Measure Owner/Steward
- Type of data required for measurement
- Recommended source of data in Washington
- Unit(s) of analysis (i.e., target(s) of measurement)
- Whether and how the measure should be stratified

## 2. Recommendations for future consideration

— Include topics or specific measures considered to be high priority for the future (not measureable in near term)

# Evolution of Core Measure Set Development



# Timeframe

- Technical work groups to meet on bi-weekly basis through September
- Recommendations to Performance Measurement Committee presented at October meeting
- Refinements to recommendations based on feedback
- Performance Measurement Committee finalizes recommendations at December meeting
- Recommendations due to HCA by January 1, 2015

# Managed Care Contract Management

# What is managed care in Medicaid?

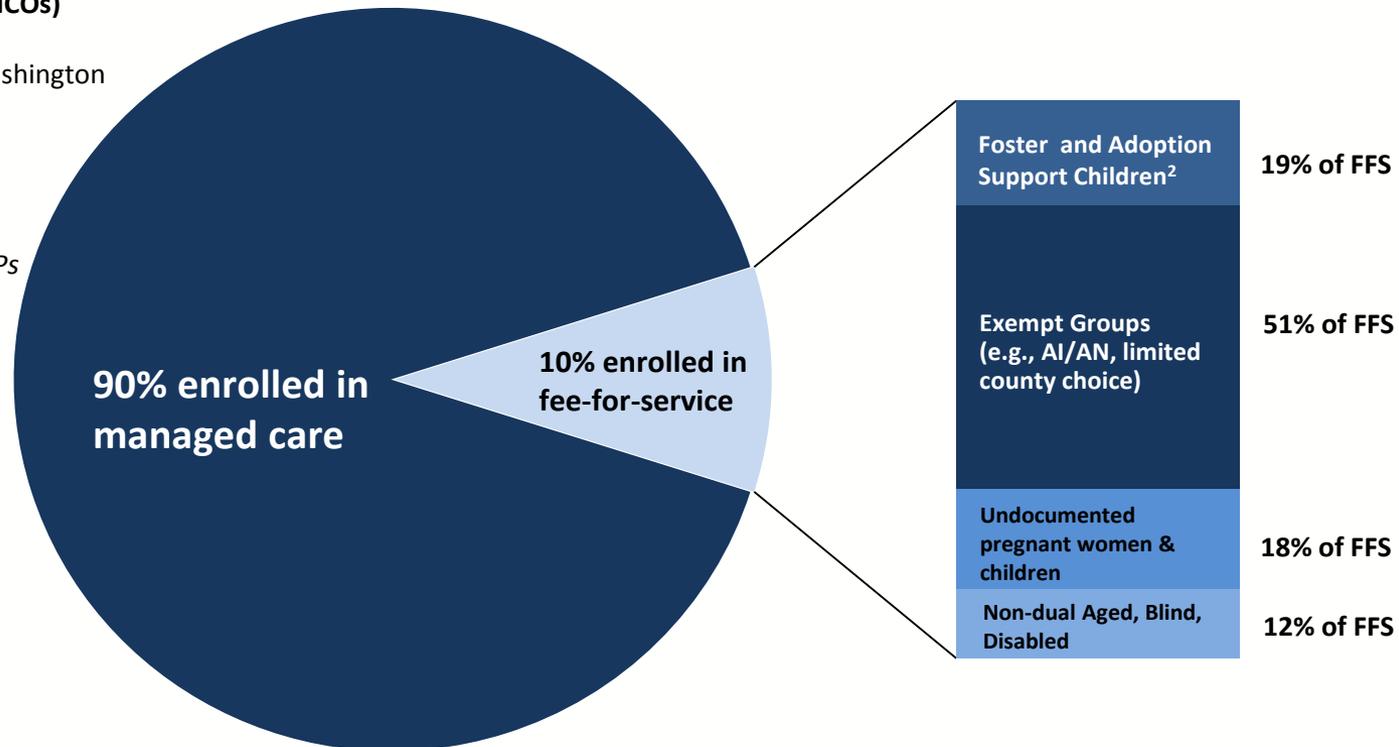
- **Since early 1990s: Medicaid transitioning beneficiaries to health plans** – non-FFS requires CMS approval
- **Today: Over 90% of full-benefit eligibles** are served through managed care plans
- **State sends PMPM (per-member, per-month) to 5 plans** with defined set of benefits for defined population—each plan is fully at risk for the care of their respective population
- **Goals of managed care:** Control costs, improve coordination and quality, improve population health:
  - *Improved quality*
  - *Access, care coordination*
  - *Predictable costs*

# Medical/non-Access-to-Care<sup>1</sup> Mental Health Services Delivered through Managed Care

**Approx. 1.3 million individuals receive their full health benefits coverage from Medicaid/CHIP**  
(excludes duals, partial duals, family planning-only and alien emergency medical.)

## 2014 – 5 managed care organizations (MCOs)

- Amerigroup
- ❖ Community Health Plan of Washington
- ❖ Coordinated Care
- ❖ Molina Healthcare
- ❖ UnitedHealth
- ❖ Offers QHPs in Exchange
- ❖ Additional proposed 2015 QHPs



<sup>1</sup> Unique to WA – “Access to Care” standards define level of mental health impairment

<sup>2</sup> Currently planned to move to managed care in 2015

# How do we select managed care plans?

- **In 2012, HCA launched new procurement:**  
Two incumbent plans (CHPW & Molina) and three new plans awarded contracts (Amerigroup, UnitedHealthcare, Coordinated Care)
- **Between procurements:** State provides opportunities for new plans to apply; HCA decides whether new plans are offered
- **In response to 2SSB 6312 (*RSAs for Medicaid & Early Adopters for full integration*):** HCA determining next steps for April 2016 in collaboration with DSHS

# Rate Setting

- **State works with an actuary** to ensure that capitated rates reflect the population characteristics, benefits and service delivery expectations placed on health plans
- **CMS requires actuarial soundness & must approve the rates**
- **State process** for building rates:
  - *Historical snapshot of utilization*
  - *Examine policy, benefit, eligibility and other changes*
  - *Examine trends: Medical inflation, utilization patterns, new drugs, new technologies, changes in health care practice, etc.*
  - *Based on research, assumptions made about plan performance and the impact of care coordination on overall health care spending*
  - *Rates set with clear communication among HCA, OFM, Legislative fiscal staff and the state's contracted actuary*
  - *Rates paid out monthly to plans reflecting their enrolled population.*
  - *Rates adjusted to control for demographic differences and health risk characteristics of enrollees served. Adjustment is cost-neutral to state.*

## Paid to Plans in July 2014

- **Number of Plans: Five**
- **Number of Managed Care Enrollees: 1.26 million**
- **Total Paid to Plans: \$437.5 million**

# How much do we pay plans?

<b>APPLE HEALTH MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS</b>		
<i>September 2014</i>		
<i>Population</i>	<i>Avg. PMPM</i>	<i>Admin. Rate</i>
Children and Families	\$ 151.01	13.5%
New Adults	\$ 634.37	12.5%
Blind/Disabled	\$ 798.40	9.4%

- **By law, HCA required to provide actuarially sound rates.**
- **Year-to-year trend for managed care contracts** determined on the basis of: Medical inflation, utilization changes and policy changes

# How are managed care plans held accountable?

- **Plans have the full financial risk** for 1.26M clients – they must deliver the care on-time and on budget or face losses
- **State controls the plans' margins for administration and profit.**  
“Medical Loss Ratio:” Proportion of premium applied to delivery of services set in contract.
- **Administrative performance measures:** HCA monitors plans' customer service, benefit management, network adequacy
- **Quality monitoring:** TeaMonitor, federal EQRO requirement, plans measured annually on basis of HEDIS scores, NCQA accreditation, enrollment based on performance
- **Encounter Data:** Plans share data with HCA , providing info on each medical encounter (allows comparison of plan performance, etc.)

# How are managed care plans held accountable?

- **Sanctions if performance is lacking:**
  - Withholding up to 5% of schedule premium payments if the contract fails to meet one or more obligations under the contract
  - Immediate sanctions can be imposed by the state (HCA) or federal government (CMS, OIG) for failure to provide medically necessary services

# What was the effect of moving Blind and Disabled clients to Managed Care?

- **Recent evaluation** : Independent assessment required by CMS and completed by Mathematica Research showed:
  - *Total capitation payments in year 1 were smaller than projected expenditures by about \$60.8 million*
  - *Enrollees reported adequate access to care*
  - *Appropriate utilization improved:*
    - *Emergency Department use fell*
    - *Outpatient and prescription drug use increased*
  - *Quality of care not compromised*

# KEY TAKE-AWAYS

- **By transferring risk for 90% of Apple Health enrollment,** there is greater certainty in budgeting and some protection from adverse health claims experience
- **Rate setting is a collaborative process** that ensures actual utilization, trends and enrollee risk are taken into account in determining how much the state pays its plans
- **Plan performance is closely monitored,** and insufficient performance from plans is penalized
- **Patient care and care coordination** generally improved through a partnership with managed care plans

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