The Washington State Medicaid Transformation (MTP) External Evaluation

Washington’s Medicaid waiver requires the Health Care Authority to contract with an independent external evaluator for the state’s waiver evaluation. The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness at Oregon Health & Science University was selected as the evaluator, and has experience working with states, payers, and providers to evaluate health system transformation in multiple states.

Our objective is to shine a light on this Washington’s health system transformation so it is noticed and understood, and so others learn from this important effort.

The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness will identify what is changing across the state and why.

The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness will measure changes associated with MTP, probe “behind the scenes” to understand why these changes may be occurring, and identify lessons that can be shared rapidly across the state, with CMS and with other states. This includes:

- Analyzing performance metrics using state and claims data
- Assessing health care infrastructure and changes in value based payment and health information technology adoption, and assess health care workforce capacity using provider surveys
- Identifying the underlying factors that explain changes in performance metrics and infrastructure using semi-structured interviews with key informants.

How is the Center for Health Systems Effectiveness different from the Independent Assessor?

The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness is focused on providing rigorous, scientific evidence about MTP.

The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness has NO role in determining payment and our evaluation will not affect payment to ACHs or partners.

What can be expected for the interviews and surveys?

Interviews will begin in the fall of 2018, following the steps in the timeline below. The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness team will send surveys to health care provider organization representatives starting early 2019 to learn more about practice level changes.

How Can You Learn More?

The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness will post information about the evaluation to our website at www.ohsu.edu/chse

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