



PREFACE

About Washington Medicaid System Transformation

“Healthier Washington” is a Washington State initiative to redesign health care with a focus on transforming the Medicaid system. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded the State \$65 million to design and implement the initiative. In October of 2016, the State was awarded an additional \$1.5 billion to fund Healthier Washington through a Medicaid Transformation Waiver. The Health Care Authority is the primary agency responsible for overseeing plan implementation. The Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Health also play key roles in moving Healthier Washington forward.

The Commission ACH Project

A critical component to the State’s efforts to transform the Washington State health care system includes the Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs). In January 2016, the Commission initiated a project funded by the Washington Health Care Authority to provide technical assistance in ensuring effective tribal and urban consultation, engagement, and coordination in the implementation and design of ACHs. The Commission’s ACH Project has four main goals:



1. OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT. Provide outreach and engagement for the twenty-nine (29) Washington Tribes and two (2) UIHPs on what the ACHs are and how they fit into the State’s plan to transform Medicaid. The Commission will gather information from Indian Health Service, Tribes/tribal health programs, UIHPs (hereinafter Indian Health Care Providers) regarding the potential implications of Washington’s ACH’s design and implementation on tribal and urban Indian communities;

2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Provide technical assistance to the HCA, ACHs, and Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs) in the design and implementation of regional ACHs for the purpose of ensuring that the ACHs meet the needs of the Tribal communities and urban Indians they serve;

3. FACILITATION. Facilitate effective engagement, coordination and consultation by regional ACHs with the IHCPs and tribal organizations for Washington state; and

4. ASSESSMENT. Assess (a) tribal/IHCP interest in the development of a tribal coordinating entity/ies that address/es health system transformation; and (b) technical

assistance needed to develop a tribal coordinating entity/ies.

The Indian Manual on Medicaid System Transformation for Washington State

In order to effectively engage with ACHs, Tribes and IHCPs need access to information regarding all aspects of the changing landscape of Medicaid. The purpose of this manual is to provide important information not only for Tribes and UIHPs but also to state agencies, the regional ACHs, and other community partners. The Manual will also serve to document the ongoing work under this project.

AIHC HCA- ACH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT VISUAL

