

UPDATE for Alliance Members



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The number of people enrolled in a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) through their employer is [growing](#). Almost 90 percent of enrollees in Affordable Care Act marketplaces are in a plan with a deductible above the amount that qualifies a plan as an HDHP. And as our past Community Checkup reports have shown, there continues to be wide variation in quality and patient experience across our state. [Read more from our executive director.](#)

ALLIANCE UPDATES

- [New and improved Own Your Health website empowers consumers to be active participants in their own health](#)
- [Governor Inslee announces executive order to address opioid epidemic](#)
- [CPIN webinar: Choosing Wisely – Consumer Strategies \(October 26, 2016\)](#)
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New and improved Own Your Health website empowers consumers to be active participants in their own health

We recently launched the newly enhanced Own Your Health website. The Own Your Health campaign empowers Washington consumers to become active participants in their own health and health care. Thanks to a generous grant from the Washington State Health Care Authority's Healthier Washington initiative, the Alliance has redesigned the Own Your Health website to feature the Savvy Health Care Shopper campaign, educating consumers on how to find value in health care.

As a benefit of membership, Alliance purchaser members can choose to direct their employees or members to a customized page on the site. [Contact us](#) if you would like to learn more about becoming an Own Your Health partner.

Governor Inslee announces executive order to address opioid epidemic

Governor Inslee announced this morning his office's plan to address the opioid use public health crisis by coordinating multi-

UPCOMING ALLIANCE MEETINGS

Alliance members are welcome to attend any Alliance Board, committee or work group meeting, except board retreats. Please RSVP to Adria at amoskowitz@wahealthalliance.org.

Board of Directors

October 25, 2016, 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.
600 Stewart Street, 2nd Floor
Conference Room

Consumer Engagement Committee

November 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Teleconference

Health Economics Committee

October 13, 2016, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
Alliance Office

Quality Improvement Committee

October 13, 2016, 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Alliance Office

LEARN MORE

Join Us

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership.](#)

Choosing Wisely

sector efforts through executive order. We applaud the Governor for his strong leadership on addressing the opioid crisis. And we are honored to have been named a partner in action for this important initiative. [Read more on our blog.](#)

CPIN webinar: Choosing Wisely – Consumer Strategies (October 26, 2016)

Learn more about the resources in the Choosing Wisely toolkit for clinical practice settings. The Clinical Performance Improvement Network is an educational program designed to assist physician practices' efforts on quality improvement. *This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.* [Register online.](#)

We're hiring!

Do you know someone who wants to join with like-minded individuals and health care industry leaders to successfully transform the health care system in Washington state? We have an exciting opportunity to join our team: **Senior Health Data Analyst.** [Learn more about Alliance careers on our website.](#)

Joining the Alliance

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about membership in the Alliance? Our members can be the best ambassadors for work, and we have an online tool to help you talk about the value of Alliance membership. [Learn more at our Join Us website.](#)

ALLIANCE REPORTS

The latest reports and publications from the Alliance.

[Different Regions, Different Care: A Report on Procedure Rate Variation in Washington State](#)

[Less Harm, Less Waste: Choosing Wisely in Washington State](#)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Bayer as the newest member of the Alliance. [Read more.](#)

ON THE BLOG

[Washington State gets federal support for Healthier Washington plan](#)

[Introducing the new Own Your Health website](#)

[Governor Inslee announces executive order to address opioid epidemic](#)

[Data and convening remain the core of our work](#)

NEWS TO KNOW

[Washington awarded \\$1.5 billion by CMS | State of Reform](#)

Choosing Wisely is a campaign designed to provide easy-to-understand guides for getting better, safer, more effective care. It is a partnership between the Alliance, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), the Washington State Medical Association and others. [Learn more.](#)

Visit the Community Checkup website

The Community Checkup website helps consumers make informed choices by giving them access to a robust and accessible supply of data and resources. [Learn more.](#)

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We invite you to follow the Alliance on our LinkedIn company page.

The Washington Health Alliance brings together those who give, get and pay for health care to create a high-quality, affordable system for the people of Washington state.

Virginia Mason regains full accreditation | *Puget Sound Business Journal*

2016 Employer Health Benefits Survey | *Kaiser Health News*

First Choice and MultiCare partner to offer Pierce County employers a value-based health care option | *Puget Sound Business Journal*
