

# UPDATE for the Community



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### LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reducing waste and making health care affordable—these are issues that engender more questions than answers. But I'm happy to report there is some encouraging news.

We are fortunate to have a speaker coming to our next all-Alliance meeting who has some provocative things to say on the subject. Chris Koller, President of the Milbank Memorial Fund, has been working on the question of waste and affordability since 1996, when he was CEO of Rhode Island's Neighborhood Health Plan and continued in 2005, when he became Rhode Island's Health Insurance Commissioner.

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### Upcoming All-Alliance Event

We welcome Christopher F. Koller, president of the Milbank Memorial Fund, as a special guest to our March 11 All-Alliance meeting. He will share his perspective on how employers and individuals can make health care more affordable.

### Join Us

Are you interested in learning more about membership in the Alliance? [Learn more about the value of Alliance membership.](#)

### Choosing Wisely

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.](#)

### Follow the Alliance on Facebook

We invite you to follow the Alliance on Facebook.

### Follow the Alliance on Twitter

We invite you to follow the Alliance on Twitter [@WAHealthCheckup](#).

### Follow the Alliance on LinkedIn

We invite you to follow the Alliance on our [LinkedIn company page](#).

All-Alliance meetings are one of the many benefits of membership in the Washington Health Alliance. If you would like to join the Alliance and attend our All-Alliance meeting from 2-4 p.m. on March 11, please see [Joining the Alliance](#) below.



### **Seattle Business Magazine Recognizes Top Community Checkup Medical Groups**

Five medical groups who consistently placed in the top five for the last five years in the Alliance's Community Checkup report were recognized by Seattle Business magazine and the Alliance at the 2019 Leaders in Health Care ceremony last week. Executive Director Nancy Giunto presented the awards to the following groups, saying "These organizations have made a longstanding commitment to quality that shows, in the care they provide and the health of the people who they treat and we applaud their achievement."

Our congratulations again to:

- The Everett Clinic
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Group
- Swedish Medical Group
- Virginia Mason Medical Group
- UW Medicine – Valley Medical Group



### **Alliance Executive Director to Speak on Multi-Payer Claims Databases**

Alliance Executive Director Nancy Giunto has been asked to join presenters from Vermont and Rhode Island to discuss how multi-payer claims databases can shed light on how health care systems are operating and ways to implement data-driven decision-making. Hosted by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation and State Health and Value Strategies, the webinar, Leveraging Multi-Payer Claims Databases for Value, will be held on March 27th.

### **New Member**



This month, we're excited to welcome Prescriptive Health, Inc. as the newest member of the Alliance. Read more about Prescriptive [here](#).

### **Joining the Alliance**

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

***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.***