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Executive Director Nancy Giunto was interviewed by Virginia Center for Health Innovation (VCHI) President and Chief Executive Officer Beth Bortz about the Alliance's effort to report on and actions to improve healthcare value in Washington state. Bortz acknowledged that the Alliance is a national leader on reducing health care overuse and that they have "enjoyed watching and learning from the work that you all are doing in Washington."

Part of the VCHI's Smarter Care Connections podcast series, the conversation focused on the Alliance's [First, Do No Harm](#) reporting and the [Driving Value Together](#) project, now focused on helping purchasers reduce low-value care for low-back pain. Bortz said progress in that area is of particular interest in Virginia because of the seven priority measures identified by the Employer Task Force, two of them are related to low-back pain, the unnecessary use of imaging and opioids. Bortz also recognized the value of the Alliance's voluntary All Payer Claims Database. "The amount of data and quality of data that you have gotten on a voluntary basis is really impressive and should serve as an example to other states," Bortz said.

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