

## **Alliance Invited to Join Payers, Systems, Health Plans, and Self-Insured Employers Meeting on Primary Care**

Primary care helps people stay healthier and saves significant dollars on health care spend, yet there are still obstacles to improving the delivery of primary care. To move forward on this question, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will hold a meeting later this month of its Committee on Implementing High-Quality Primary Care with select representatives from self-insured companies, payers, health plans, and health systems. The goal is to achieve a shared understanding of how self-insured companies and payers can increase support for primary care and how health plans and systems can assist in making that happen. The Washington Health Alliance was invited to participate.

The Committee's recent consensus study report, [\*Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care\*](#), provides valuable context to address the changes needed to improve the quality of primary care. Among the topics for discussion:

- What is the role of primary care in achieving health equity goals, addressing social drivers of health, and providing value-based care?
- What are the strategies for redistributing health care resources to advance primary care as a common good with the goal of health equity?
- What is needed to catalyze multi-payer alignment around a hybrid payment model to support and sustain these shifts at the system level?
- What are the best accountability measures for health systems and what are the methods for ensuring that sufficient resources reach primary care?