

What Providers Should Know About Value-Based Payments

Washington Health Alliance Medical Director Sharon Eloranta, MD, presented to the Washington Academy of Family Physicians on value-based payment during its most recent CME event.

Dr. Eloranta provided a brief history of value-based payment and the tools available on the Alliance's *Community Checkup* [website](#) that can help providers understand the quality of care being delivered by their clinic or medical group, including guidance for:

- navigating the *Compare Scores* [feature](#) of the *Community Checkup*, a searchable public database that rates health care quality across more than 100 measures;
- using [Quality Composite Scores](#), incorporating the results of 29 Community Checkup measures considered indicators of strong primary care delivery to produce a statewide ranking; and
- utilizing the [First, Do No Harm](#) report, analyzing 47 measures over a four-year period to determine whether health care services and procedures is necessary, likely wasteful, or wasteful by medical group.

View Dr. Eloranta's presentation [here](#).