



Greater Health Now Accountable Community of Health Pilots the Washington Primary Care Practice Recognition Program

The Washington HCA's Primary Care Practice Recognition (PCPR) is an important part of the Washington Primary Care Transformation Initiative. Development of the PCPR program, which will evaluate practices and assign them a level rating, began in 2022 with support from the HCA, the Washington Multi-payer Collaborative, and a committee of payers and providers.

When [Greater Health Now](#) learned that the HCA was developing this Primary Care Practice Recognition program, they met with HCA and local primary care clinics to plan a pilot.

Who

A diverse group of 7 clinic sites signed on to pilot-test the Practice Recognition program, including sites serving patient populations in Yakima, Pomeroy, Pasco, Richland, Kennewick, Pullman, Dayton, Walla Walla, and Ellensburg, and include Federally Qualified Health Centers, non-profit clinics, for-profit clinics, and independently owned clinics.

How

Participating clinic sites meet monthly with Greater Health Now, attend shared learning webinars, develop and update a Quality Improvement Plan, and upload data and other information quarterly to Greater Health Now via an online portal. Based on the information submitted to the portal, Greater Health Now assigns each site a level (1, 2, or 3) that corresponds to their competency in the program's 10 accountabilities.

Greater Health Now provides technical support, guidance, and encouragement to participating clinic sites to help them navigate the PCPR program and to build competencies that will help them advance through the levels.

The pilot, which runs through December 2024, has already yielded valuable insights that will inform HCA's development and roll-out of the statewide PCPR program.

Why

The HCA [explains](#) that the PCPR process has several intended outcomes, including to:

- Provide transparency of the capabilities of primary care providers and the broader primary care system
- Help payers prioritize supports they will give providers in the model
- Provide a mechanism for providers to request transformation funding
- Establish eligibility for participation in different payment models

Through its pilot of the program, Greater Health Now has [found](#) that this initiative promises to significantly enhance integrated care for individuals in the communities these clinics serve.