

For Partnering Providers

Overview: Better Health Together (BHT) is an Accountable Community of Health (ACH) representing a six-county region in Eastern Washington, including Spokane, Lincoln, Adams, Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Stevens counties. As the backbone organization of our ACH, BHT is convening and coordinating organizations who impact health to take part in the Medicaid Transformation; a five-year opportunity to radically improve health through innovative and cooperative redesign of the Medicaid delivery system. These efforts are tied to the state's Healthier Washington initiative, and made possible by the state's successful acquisition of an 1115 Medicaid Waiver.

Throughout the period of the waiver, local primary care and behavioral health organizations will develop and implement practice-level Transformation Plans designed to meet improvement goals of specific outcome Medicaid Transformation Measures set by the Health Care Authority (HCA). Success in meeting these outcomes will not be possible without establishing partnerships with other sectors, such as social determinants, public health, county leaders, and many more.

In 2018, BHT supported the launch of six county-based Community Health Transformation Collaboratives (Collaboratives) to drive development and implementation of localized plans. The Collaboratives are official bodies through which partner organizations can earn Medicaid Transformation Waiver dollars. For the purposes of participation in the Collaboratives, Partnering Providers are entities that serve Medicaid clients in the BHT region, regardless of whether those services are currently funded by Medicaid. Services may be clinical, social, or supportive services, and Partnering Providers may include clinical providers, community-based organizations, county governments, and/or tribal governments and providers, among others.

All Partnering Providers who sign an MOU, regardless of type of service offered, will be expected to participate in Collaborative meetings and to contribute to the development and implementation of the Collaborative Equity project.

BHT will require updated MOUs annually for continued participation from each partner in the Collaboratives and in Transformation Planning efforts. To be eligible to participate in planning efforts for Medicaid Transformation and earn dollars attached to relevant planning milestones, Partnering Providers must meet eligibility requirements and sign and return this form to BHT by the established deadline.

Distribution of Transformation Funds:

The BHT Board of Directors approved the methodology for distribution of Year 3 Transformation Funds flow in December 2019. Each organization who submits an MOU will be eligible for \$1,000 participation payment for each Collaborative in which they actively participate. See details in Agreement section below.

Organizations who are new to the Collaborative this year will need to enroll in the FE Portal in order to receive transformation funding. The state has contracted with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to act as the Financial Executor (FE). PCG will provide accounting and banking management support for DSRIP incentive dollars, distribute earned funds through the Financial Executor Portal (FE Portal), submit fund distribution reports to the state, and develop and distribute budget forms to participating providers for receipt of incentive funds. Financial Executor is a state-contracted entity responsible for administering funds to ACHs, Partnering Providers, and other Key Partners throughout the Medicaid Transformation Project.

After receiving this signed MOU, BHT will enter Partnering Providers into the FE Portal. Partnering Providers will then receive an automated email containing information about how to register themselves in the FE Portal. Partnering Providers will then execute a Standard Partnership Agreement (SPA), which completes the registration process. *(To access the Standard Partnership Agreement, visit <http://www.betterhealthtogether.org/collaboratives>).*

Payouts to Partnering Providers will be made upon complete submission of this MOU and successful registration within the FE Portal.

Term and Conditions:

By submitting this MOU, your organization agrees to meet these expectations to the best of your ability and commits your organization to engaging and participating in your appropriate Collaborative to support Medicaid Transformation. Your organization acknowledges that to continue earning payments from the ACH will require the completion of specific milestones and adherence to reporting deadlines. By signing this MOU, Partnering Providers also agree to the terms of the 2020 Charter for the respective Collaborative(s).

Expectations for Participation:

It is the expectation that the Partnering Providers are responsible for:

- Participation in Collaboratives as mutually agreed upon by the ACH, Collaboratives, and Partnering Provider.
- Attending at least two out of every three consecutive Collaborative meetings.
- Participating in conjunction with the ACH and other Partnering Providers in good faith to implement the selected Projects and achieve the DSRIP program's goals.
- Participation as a lead or supporting partner in selecting, designing, implementing, and reporting on the Collaborative Equity project.
- Reporting financial and aggregate service or clinical data, as well as progress reports, to the ACH to the extent necessary for the ACH to meet its reporting obligations to the HCA.
- Participating in the ACH governance process, as appropriate.

Agreement:

This completed and signed MOU commits your organization to participating as a Partnering Provider in Transformation Planning efforts, as part of a Community Health Transformation Collaborative within the Better Health Together ACH in 2020.

Submitting this completed MOU will earn your organization a participation payment, to supplement the time and resources you will be committing to Medicaid Transformation efforts.

By signing, the Collaborative member agrees to comply with Expectations for Participation and to complete the Collaborative Equity Project midyear reporting.

Membership is at the discretion of each Collaborative's leadership and BHT. Existing members who did not meet participation expectations in 2019 or are not committing to Collaborative equity work in 2020 are not eligible to sign an MOU and receive participation funding. However, they are still welcome to participate in Collaborative activities (networking, trainings, etc.).

Your organization will earn \$1,000 for submitting this completed MOU, pending registration in the FE Portal.

Instructions for Document Submission:

Submit your signed form to reese@betterhealthtogether.org (Adams, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Ferry/Stevens) or symetria@betterhealthtogether.org (Spokane).

Any questions or problems uploading can be directed to Symetria Gongyin by phone at 509.381.5562 or by email at symetria@betterhealthtogether.org.

Required Information

In which county Collaborative(s) does your organization plan to participate in? *Select all that apply:*

Adams Ferry Lincoln Pend Oreille Spokane Stevens

Setting Type *select all that apply:*

Primary Care/Hospital

Behavioral Health

Public Health

Social Determinants: Housing, Food, Transportation, Education

Other Key Partners (please specify) _____

Organization Information

Organization Name _____

Lead point of contact for all Collaborative activities:

Name _____

Signature _____

Email Address _____

W-9: Attached Here Previously Submitted

If new organization: List all sites, addresses, and point of contact with email for those sites in the space below (extra pages may be attached, if needed):