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1.3.c: Increase percentage of residents who report they have a personal doctor or health care provider from 75% to 82% by 2016 - Supplemental information

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Background: Why Is It Important for Persons in WA to Have a Primary Health Care Provider?



- Primary health care services are accessible if people can receive essential services when and where they are needed.
- · Insurance enables access to care.
- A patient-centered medical home is an emerging best practice, and foundational for an effective health care system.
- A primary care provider is a core tenet of population-based care and assures that a patient has access to a primary provider that knows them and can provide timely preventative and acute care.
- A primary care provider can effectively engage patients in decisions that affect their health care by using shared decision making strategies that take into account their personal values

Current Trend



Status and Context:

- BRFSS did a reset of this measure and the data are only trended from 2011 forward.
- Expecting more upward trend from full ACA implementation

Opportunity: Increase Access to Health Care Provider



Healthier WA Initiative:

- Practice Transformation Support HUB
- Accountable Communities of Health (ACH)

· Build workforce capacity

- · Community Health Workers
- · Mid-level development
- · Team-based

Payment Redesign

- · Primary care access
- · Population registries

Partnership Strategies: What strategies are you working on to address the root cause of your problem?



- Partnering with the Washington Health Care Benefit Exchange to encourage eligible individuals to acquire health insurance.
- Supporting community partners such as hospitals and community organizations in their efforts to assist patients in signing up for insurance, especially Medicaid.
- Partnering with the Washington Health Alliance and WSMA to educate the public about the value of having a primary care provider

Detailed Action Plan:

Task	Task Lead	Partners	Expected Outcome	Status	Due Date
Identify high ER service utilizers and coordinate with PCP to ensure appropriate follow-up for low acuity and/or chronic conditions. Require electronic care plans and ER to set patient appointment with PCP within 72 hours, as appropriate. Provide education on appropriate care settings.	Amanda Avalos, HCA	WSHA, WSMA, American College of Emergency Physicians, WA Hospitals, Collective Medical Technologies	Reduce rate of ER visits with a low acuity diagnosis from 32% to 30%	On Track	May 2016
Beginning in January 2015, PEBB subscribers that participate in the SmartHealth wellness program will answer a question as part of the Wellbeing Assessment that asks whether they have a "personal doctor or healthcare provider." The Well-being Assessment is a component of the qualifying actions to earn a \$125 incentive.	Scott Pritchard, HCA	MCOs	Increase participation in the Smart Health incentive program from 39% to 70%.	On Track	June 2016

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