

Transforming Pediatric Practices Initiative (TPPI)

What is the Initiative—The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) was recently awarded \$16.3 million over 4 years to implement the Transforming Pediatric Practice Initiative (TPPI) through a federal Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services Innovation grant. DOH will work closely with the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to implement the plan. TPPI is an innovative payment and service delivery approach that will test whether providing technical assistance in a specific, complex, adaptive learning model enables clinicians and their care teams to rapidly transform the way they deliver care to patients. The aim is to improve health outcomes and reduce costs.

Why we are doing this work—With a 15-year investment in providing statewide practice improvement support with public and private partners, DOH will leverage its resources, expertise, and partnerships to implement this bold initiative. With its emphasis on quality improvement, TPPI will improve the health and well-being of the whole child, resulting in healthy children ready to learn, with reduced health disparities, and increased access to care for children and families. TPPI aligns with, and supports, the Governor’s Healthier Washington goals of better care, better outcomes, lower costs, and assists the Department in its responsibility under HB 2572, where we are charged with leading clinical practice transformation support efforts.

How this work will be implemented—A pediatrician-led advisory group and DOH staff will use the national Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ directed strategies and resources to support 5,600 pediatric and behavioral health clinicians in transforming care delivery to a Patient-Centered Medical Home model. The work will be implemented through a statewide Pediatric Practice Transformation Network and practice improvement training and coaching will be deployed locally using the nine Accountable Communities of Health geographic regions. Molina will provide the quality and cost-benefit reporting for TPPI. Strategies to incentivize clinical practices for better outcomes will be tested. TPPI will also focus on the integration of behavioral health care and continuity between specialty and tertiary care and primary care.

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Fast Facts

Total funds: \$16.3 million (\$4.084 million per year for 4 years)

Project Period: Sept 30, 2015 – Apr 30, 2019

Aims of the project over the next 4 years:

- Enroll and train 5,600 pediatric primary/behavioral health clinicians
- Provide patient-centered, high quality care for approximately 450,000 children in Washington State
- Cost Savings for All Medicaid Children Served – \$180,398,709

