

## Northwest Health Law Advocates presents Health Care Transformation: Pursuing Equity & Value



A Continuing Legal Education Seminar  
6.25 General CLE Credits  
Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 18, 2016  
8:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Riddell Williams  
1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 4500  
Seattle, Washington

### Agenda\*

8:00 – 8:30 am      Registration and Coffee Service  
8:30 – 8:45 am      Introduction – Program Chair – Janet Varon, Executive Director, NoHLA

**8:45 – 10:45 am**    *The Affordable Care Act: Unfinished Business and New Directions*

The Affordable Care Act is six years old and major expansions in health coverage have been in effect almost three years. In this panel, policy leaders from the Health Care Authority, Health Benefit Exchange, Office of the Insurance Commissioner and Department of Social and Health Services will update you on their ACA-related activities to date and discuss priorities, challenges and opportunities for the coming year, including the recently-approved Medicaid Transformation Waiver, new Long Term Services and Supports programs, the Healthier Washington agenda, the Exchange's fourth Open Enrollment period, and efforts to protect consumers from "surprise billing" by out-of-network providers. NoHLA will update you on recent court activity related to the ACA and discuss consumer advocacy efforts.

**Moderator:** Janet Varon, Executive Director, NoHLA  
Dorothy Teeter, Director, Washington State Health Care Authority  
Catherine Kinnaman, Office Chief, LTC Financial Eligibility & Policy, Aging and Long Term Support Administration, WA Department of Social and Health Services  
Pam MacEwan, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Health Benefit Exchange  
Sarah Kwiatkowski, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner  
Janet Varon, Executive Director, NoHLA

10:45 – 11:00 Break

\* Agenda subject to change.

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm** *Value Based Purchasing Initiatives for Medicaid: Challenges and Opportunities*

The State of Washington is transforming the way we pay for health care for Medicaid clients with an ambitious plan to shift to value based purchasing. HCA plans for 90% of payments to be linked to quality and value by 2021. In this panel, the Health Care Authority will describe how the value based purchasing initiatives are planned to work, and we will hear health policy, health plan, and advocate perspectives.

Some of the questions to be addressed are:

- 1) How likely are these changes to achieve the “triple aim” of improving patient experience of care, improving health of populations, and reducing the cost of health care?
- 2) How can we assess the success of the initiatives when we pursue multiple initiatives at once?
- 3) How can we ensure that patients with complex health conditions are not affected detrimentally by the changes?
- 4) How can plans and providers remain financially viable under these changes?

**Moderator:** Ann Vining, Staff Attorney, NoHLA

Rachel Quinn, Health Care Authority

Kat Ferguson-Mahan Latet, Community Health Plan of Washington

Aaron Katz, University of Washington, School of Public Health

12:15 – 1:30 pm Lunch (on your own)

**1:30 – 2:30 pm** *Health Care Rights and Protections Under the New ACA Section 1557 Regulations*

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights issued the final rule implementing Section 1557, the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), in May 2016. This session will provide an overview of the rule and implementation, discuss questions that have emerged, and highlight key protections and remedies that are available to consumers.

**Moderator:** Daniel Gross, Senior Staff Attorney, NoHLA

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Julie Severson, Senior Regulatory Affairs Consultant, Group Health Cooperative

**2:30 - 3:30 pm** *Hot Topics in Medicaid Managed Care: Final Managed Care Rules and Integrating Behavioral Health*

Medicaid policy and service provision is constantly evolving. This panel will discuss recent federal regulations related to Medicaid managed care and Washington’s plan to move toward fully integrated managed care. These changes and potential outcomes will have a major impact on how care is delivered and received, as well as for advocates ensuring that the changes are properly implemented.

**Moderator:** Huma Zarif, Staff Attorney, NoHLA

Charlie Mitchell, Staff Attorney, Northwest Justice Project

Jane Beyer, Program Officer, Milbank Memorial Fund/Center for Evidence-based Policy

Kenneth Taylor, Chief Executive Officer, Valley Cities Counseling

3:30 – 3:45 pm Break

**3:45 – 4:45 pm** *Shaping Washington's "Accountable Communities of Health:" Potential Successes and Pitfalls*

Accountable Communities of Health are regional multi-sector collaboratives developed initially through the State's Healthier Washington Plan to bring leaders of the health, government and social service sectors together to collaborate on changing our health care system to provide better quality higher value care, with a particular focus on improving the social determinants of health. With the tentative approval of the State's Medicaid Transformation Waiver, the primary focus of the ACH program's activities is now shifting, as ACHs gear up to serve as coordinators for Medicaid delivery system transformation projects in their regions, beginning in 2017. This new role for ACHs offers great opportunities to improve the way health is defined and how we provide care, particularly to populations experiencing health outcome and access disparities.

**Moderator:** Huma Zarif, Staff Attorney, NoHLA

Laura Zaichkin, Deputy Chief Policy Officer for the Washington State Health Care Authority, Deputy Healthier Washington Coordinator

Stephen Gockley, Governing Body Member, North Sound Accountable Community of Health

Huma Zarif, Staff Attorney, NoHLA

4:45 – 5:00 pm Closing Remarks and Evaluations

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