Legislative Update: Cascade Care

GOAL: “These plans are designed to provide coverage options that are more understandable, more affordable and of more value to all Washingtonians.”

Source of quote: HBE Cascade Care web-page
Legislative Update:
Universal Health Care Workgroup

GOAL: Study and make recommendations on establishing a universal health care system that is sustainable and affordable to all WA residents. This may include publicly funded, publicly administered, and publicly and privately delivered health care.
Legislative Update:
King County WSHIP Study

**Public Health Report**
- 150,000 Uninsured in King County (30% Non-Citizens)

**King County Press Release**
- Study Funding
- RFP

**Cost Analysis Study Re: Coverage for Low Income Non-Citizens**

**Study Report Due to Legislature Jan 2020**

- Study completed. WSHIP received Exec. Summary; expressed interest in seeing entire report if/when available.

**GOAL:** King County will fund a study exploring the feasibility of reopening WSHIP’s non-Medicare pool, as part of a series of steps intended to expand access to health care coverage and services to all uninsured residents in the region.

*Based on June 28, 2019 press release from King County Executive Dow Constantine*
Legislative Update:
Interim Session Outreach

WSHIP INTERIM SESSION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:
- Connecting with HBE & Cascade Care leaders/workgroups & monitoring activities
- Reaching out & ongoing communication with King County re: WSHIP feasibility study
- Meeting with Rep. Cody in her home district
- Monitoring Fall Legislative Day work sessions
- Attending WA State of Reform conference
Legislative Update:
2020 Session Activities

Jan 13, 2020
First Day of Session

Feb 19, 2020
Last Day to Pass Bills in House of Origin

Mar 6, 2020
Last Day to Pass Bills in Opposite House

Mar 12, 2020
Last Day of Session

Tomorrow is the last day of the short 60-day session.

NOTABLE BILLS THAT PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS INCLUDE THOSE SEEKING TO ADDRESS: (NONE WOULD DIRECTLY IMPACT WSHIP)

- Violence Against Care Givers
- Health Care Provider Credentialing
- PBM Regulation
- Capping Insulin Out-of-Pocket Costs
Legislative Update:

COVID-19 Virus Response

• 02-29-20  Governor Inslee declares state of emergency
• 03-05-20  Commissioner Kreidler orders state regulated health insurers to:
  - Waive deductibles & copays for coronavirus testing
  - Allow a one-time early refill for prescription drugs
  - Suspend prior authorization requirements for treatment or testing of COVID-19
• 03-09-20  Proposed state operating budget increases funding for public health organizations to address COVID-19
• 03-10-20  HBE announces special enrollment period