

Olympic Community of Health

MCO Sector Representation Policy

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The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) contracts with health plans to administer Apple Health (Medicaid) across the state. Apple Health offers integrated managed care plans in all regions statewide that coordinate physical health, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment services for most Medicaid beneficiaries. Currently, HCA contracts with Molina Healthcare, Amerigroup, Coordinated Care, United Health Care, and Community Health Plan of Washington. Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO) are important partners in health transformation and therefore should have a role in the governance of Olympic Community of Health (OCH).

In collaboration with MCO partners, the following apply to MCO representation on the OCH Board of Directors:

- Medicaid MCO representation on the OCH Board is limited to those health plans that successfully win bids under the HCA Request for Proposal (RFP) process and under contract with HCA in the Olympic region (Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties).
- One board seat be provided to the MCOs with one vote. MCO representatives will rotate on an annual basis using the calendar year. The MCO sector notify the OCH Board of Directors one month prior to the end of each term to inform the Board about which person will rotate on for the next term. Terms for the MCO sector will cycle annually, on the January – December cycle.
- In addition to informing the Board of Directors on the primary MCO representative, the MCO sector will nominate a dedicated alternate. The sector will inform the Board of the alternate representative on the same schedule as the primary representative.
- While MCOs will have a rotating seat, they encourage OCH to send meeting materials about one week in advance. The full sector is invited to participate at OCH Board meetings and other events. The sector will strive to be prepared for votes, by reviewing agendas ahead of time with the sector team to ensure an educated vote that represents the sector view. This is assisted when specific items that will be voted on are shared in advance of the meeting.
- All participating MCO representatives may engage in Board discussions, but ultimately there is one MCO vote. If the MCO sector board member is absent, the alternate representative shall be designated to vote on behalf of the sector.