

Washington State

The Mental Health Integration Program (MHIP), supported and administered by the [Community Health Plan of Washington \(CHPW\)](#) in partnership with [Public Health -Seattle and King County](#), integrates mental health screening and treatment in a Collaborative Care model, including psychiatric case review and consultation. MHIP Collaborative Care teams are in safety-net primary care settings and serve diverse Medicaid and uninsured populations. Since MHIP's inception in 2007, over 50,000 individuals have received integrated mental health services. In 2007 it began as a state-funded, two-county pilot for high risk uninsured adults in King and Pierce counties but MHIP expanded statewide in early 2009 to include over 130 primary care clinics. Also, in 2009, CHPW initiated a pay-for-performance program to ensure systematic quality improvement. As a result, 25 percent of payment depends on meeting quality indicators. The program resulted in promising results: shortened time to depression improvement, reduced inpatient admissions, lower rates of homelessness, reduced involvement with the criminal justice system, and hospital savings of over \$10 million in the initial 14 months of statewide implementation.

In 2017, the Washington State legislature appropriated [funds through its budget bill](#) to provide a Collaborative Care benefit starting on July 1, 2017 by adopting the existing Medicare Collaborative Care billing codes for Medicaid patients. This is intended to improved access to evidence-based collaborative care for patients with Medicaid insurance and to help support primary care clinics that wish to implement this evidence-based model of care.

Reference

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