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Our Commitment to Community is Unwavering

As a safety-net health care organization that exists to serve historically marginalized, low-income communities, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) and our parent organization, Community Health Network of Washington (CHNW), understand what is at stake as a result of the 2024 national elections. The policies of the incoming Administration and Congress will likely have a significant impact on the health care programs that our members and patients depend upon. On several fronts, there are major threats to the work we are engaged in to advance health equity and deliver accessible, equitable health care for people we serve across the State of Washington.

Now, more than ever, we are resolved in our purpose and resolute in our commitment to stand as a beacon of hope for those who depend upon us for their health and well-being.

True to the vision of the Community Health Centers (CHCs) who founded us more than 30 years ago, and who still govern us today, we remain deeply committed to the fight for social justice so that everyone may have the opportunity to live their healthiest lives. CHPW and our CHC Network stand together in our work - along with our partner community-based organizations, advocacy groups, providers, and state and local policymakers - to ensure that the health care needs of our communities are met. We are grateful for this strong and diverse coalition of organizations working towards the common goal of health equity for all.

Our team will be working closely with these partners, as well as national allies across the country, to strengthen our advocacy and support for the people we serve. We recognize the particular threats that many immigrant and other targeted communities face and we are committed to ensuring that each and every individual receives the same opportunities for health that we all deserve.

Martin Luther King Jr. often referred to his work as building the “Beloved Community,” a society driven by caring and compassion in which all people come together through peaceful means to live in a just and equitable world. As we strengthen our bonds in our work together, CHPW/CHNW is unwavering in the pursuit of Dr. King’s dream. This for us, is the “power of community.”

Leanne Berge, CEO

Community Health Plan of Washington/Community Health Network of Washington



About Community Health Plan of Washington

Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW) is a not-for-profit health plan founded in 1992 by a network of Community Health Centers (CHCs) in Washington state. CHPW is a managed-care organization that connects members to physical, behavioral and social support services, and reinvests surplus revenue back into the community to help advance health equity and improve access to high-quality care for all people. CHPW serves more than 300,000 members through Medicaid (income and asset-based program called Apple Health in Washington) and Medicare (age and disability-based program) as well as public-option Individual and Family plans (Cascade Select) across the state. Its parent, Community Health Network of Washington, serves over one million individuals across Washington through its federally-qualified member community health centers. To learn more, visit chpw.org or connect on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

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