



September 30, 2022

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The Honorable Christine Rolfes, Chair
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The Honorable Lynda Wilson, Ranking Minority
Member, Ways & Means Committee

The Honorable Drew Stokesbary, Ranking
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Dear Senators and Representatives:

The Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) is pleased to submit our Annual Strategic Plan Update, pursuant to RCW 43.71.030(9). This update includes detailed information about Exchange activity over the past year.

The Exchange has continued to use its authority as a state-based marketplace to connect people to health coverage. Recent activities have included: preparing to launch a new state premium subsidy program (Cascade Care Savings); implementation of new federal initiatives; continued IT modernization; and submittal of a Section 1332 State Innovation waiver to expand coverage to currently uninsured residents.

The Exchange is currently preparing for our tenth open-enrollment period (November 1–January 15, 2023), which will correspond with the launch of Cascade Care Savings, a program that will significantly lower premium costs in 2023 for Exchange customers working in low-wage and minimum wage jobs (who make less than \$32,200 annually).

We are appreciative of your ongoing support for and interest in the Exchange. Please let us know if you have any questions about this annual update.

Sincerely,

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Ron Sims
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Crawford".

Jim Crawford
Interim Chief Executive Officer

cc: Washington Health Exchange Board Members

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