

Dan Lessler, *Washington State Health Care Authority*



Dan has served as the chief medical officer for the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) since 2013. He has dedicated his career to caring for those with complex health needs, while working to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of healthcare for all people. He uses his experience as a clinician and leader in quality improvement to address health care reform for the 2.2 million Washington residents HCA serves under Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) and the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Program. With his leadership, HCA has made significant gains in ensuring the right care at the right time for Washington residents. He has led successful statewide efforts to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits; address the opioid public health crisis; and create innovative value-based purchasing strategies such as bundled episodes

of care and accountable care programs. He also is helping lead the integration of physical and behavioral health for Apple Health clients statewide by 2020, ensuring a strong focus on community engagement and performance measurement as we move to a whole-person approach to healthcare.

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