# **Institute for Health Policy**



## AT A GLANCE:

# Kaiser Permanente's participation in Apple Health

## **Medicaid in Washington**

In Washington, Medicaid is known as Apple Health, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is called Apple Health for Kids. Most Apple Health clients have managed care, which means they are assigned to a managed care organization (MCO) for preventive, primary, specialty and other health services. There are 5 MCOs in Washington. Kaiser Permanente serves Apple Health clients through a partnership with 2 MCOs and Molina Healthcare of Washington. We also coordinate with the state foster care program for foster care members.

#### **Service Area**

The patients we serve must reside within our Medicaid service area, which includes the following 8 counties: King, Pierce, Thurston, Kitsap, Snohomish, Spokane, Clark, Cowlitz.

## Who We Serve

**MORE THAN** 

42,000



Apple Health beneficiaries – Medicaid patients assigned to Kaiser Permanente through our MCO partnership.

Membership is composed of:



47% CHILDREN



48% ADULTS



5%
SENIORS
and PERSONS
with DISABILITIES

Data is current as of August 2021.



The majority of our Medicaid patients are served via our partnership with Molina; our contractual agreements with Molina have 2 distinct models: In Clark and Cowlitz counties, Kaiser Permanente participates in a delegated subcontract with Molina to provide care on a capitated basis (meaning a fixed payment per member, per month). In the Puget Sound and Spokane metro areas, Kaiser Permanente contracts with Molina as a fee-for-service provider for primary and specialty care. Our fee-for-service arrangement with Molina also includes a care coordination fee and annual quality-gated shared savings incentives.



## **Social Health**

Kaiser Permanente is addressing social factors that impact the health of our patients by beginning to identify social needs, connect patients to resources in several domains (food security, housing, financial wellbeing, digital equity, and social isolation), and establish support and follow-up processes. Thrive Local (also called "Unite Washington") is a tool we are leveraging to identify and address these social factors. Thrive Local includes an online, searchable resource directory with hundreds of community-based organizations and other social service providers in our communities – many that accept electronic referrals from Kaiser Permanente and provide real-time status updates, so our care teams can track whether patients receive the help they need. Patients have direct access to the **resource directory online**.

