

How the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) is being evaluated

Roles and responsibilities of the independent external evaluator (IEE)

Who is the IEE and what do they do?

In August 2018, Health Care Authority (HCA) named Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) as the IEE for MTP. OHSU uses qualitative and quantitative research methods to assess the impacts on and overall performance of MTP and its five initiatives. This includes assessing and measuring:

- Overall Medicaid system performance.
- Progress toward value-based payment targets.
- Development of workforce capacity.
- Adoption of health information technology.
- Project- and initiative-level impacts at state and regional levels.

How will the IEE report on their work?

The IEE provides quarterly reports, called rapid-cycle monitoring reports, a baseline evaluation report (June 2020), an interim evaluation report (December 2020), and a final evaluation report (anticipated May 2022). These are available on the [MTP resources page](#). The IEE reports will cover activities and achievements of MTP's five initiatives:

- Initiative 1: [transformation through Accountable Communities of Health \(ACHs\) and Indian health care providers \(IHCPs\)](#)
- Initiative 2: [Long-term services and supports](#)
- Initiative 3: [Foundational Community Supports](#)
- Initiative 4: [substance use disorder IMD waiver](#)¹
- Initiative 5: [mental health IMD waiver](#)²

¹ & ² IMD stands for institution for mental diseases. IMDs are large facilities dedicated to psychiatric care (more than 16 beds where more than 50 percent of the residents are admitted for psychiatric care).

How will partners, stakeholders, and others be involved?

A comprehensive evaluation depends on understanding how MTP is working for those it serves. The IEE will work with Washington's ACHs, health care facilities, health care providers, and others to identify people willing to share their experiences. The IEE will collect information through informal background discussions to learn more about the MTP initiatives and the plans for transformation.

The IEE will also collect information through more formal key informant interviews. Under this approach, known as "qualitative data collection," interview responses are scientifically analyzed by the IEE's team of experts. A summarized analysis of key informant interviews will be included in future IEE evaluation reports.

Where can I learn more?

- [Visit the MTP website section](#)
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