

## Health care

### Step Therapy Protocol Usage

The 2018 Washington State Legislature directed WSIPP to review the available research literature on step therapy protocol usage. WSIPP must also review rigorous evidence regarding the effectiveness of exceptions to the use of step therapy in improving health outcomes and reducing adverse events. WSIPP will provide a summary of these exceptions that have been codified in other states.

The original deadline was December 1, 2018, however, WSIPP's Board of Directors approved an extension. The final report will be delivered to the legislature by June 30, 2019.

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### Single Payer and Universal Health Care Systems

The 2018 Washington State Legislature directed WSIPP to complete a study of single payer and universal coverage health care systems. The study will include a summary of the parameters used to define universal coverage, single payer, and other innovative systems; a comparison of the characteristics of up to ten universal or single payer models available in the United States or elsewhere; and a summary of the available research literature that examines the effect of universal or single player models on health-related outcomes.

The original deadline was December 1, 2018, however, WSIPP's Board of Directors approved a modification. An interim report is due to the legislature by December 1, 2018, with a final report due by June 30, 2019.

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