

Health Alliance receives \$616K grant

The [Puget Sound Health Alliance](#) has received a \$616,500 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that will be used to examine how health-care quality and care can be improved in the region.

The Seattle-based alliance will use the grant to focus on health-care delivery in King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston counties. Other cities receiving similar grants include Memphis, Tenn., Minneapolis-St. Paul and Detroit.

"This funding will enable us to expand our work with doctors, employers and patients to align incentives that encourage better health and higher quality, cost-effective care. This will also enable us to develop programs to engage patients in their health care and to become more informed health care consumers," said Margaret Stanley, executive director of the Puget Sound Health Alliance, in a statement.

According to the statement announcing the grant, the alliance will use the grant "to boost progress in aligning incentives for physicians and other providers to improve quality and affordability of care, and to encourage consumers to seek out care based on what is effective and affordable."

The grant is part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Aligning Forces for Quality: The Regional Market Project." The New Jersey-based foundation was founded by former Johnson & Johnson (NYSE: JNJ) executive Robert Wood Johnson.