

Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) Innovations and Challenges

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What this local Leadership can Accomplish





2016 AllCare was doing a series of focus groups in the region and found the deaf community was having significant problems accessing primary care services

Turns out there were only 2 certified health interpreters in the Rogue Valley; none spoke American Sign Language

So AllCare set out to address the gap in regional services:

- AllCare found a training program
- Recruited potential participants
- Made our headquarters a certified training and testing site
- Trained staff to become certified trainers
- Paid for tuition scholarships
- Dedicated thousands of hours of staff time just on the interpreter effort alone

We had our first Medical Interpreter Training 7/10/2018 and 17 interpreters were are now locally based Qualified Medical Interpreter's in the Rogue Valley.





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LanguageLine Academy

Initial English proficient (LEP) people cross the United States. Those who struggle or are unable to speak English imagine the feelings you have as you knowledge of your health is in someone pie's hands. This could feel scary or strensful.

This is why health care interpreters matter. They are the only bridge between health care and the LEP patient. Not only do these interpreter speak both languages, they have also been trained to explain modical terminology. Their job exists to make sure all patients get the same quality of health care as everyone else.

The Oregon Health Care Interpreters Association and LanguageLine have joined to offer an online 60 hour training This training is self-paced along with over-the-phone sessions

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By Vickie Aldous

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Medical interpreters fan out to help community during pandemic

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tion? The Mail Tribune wants to honor the first responders, medical workers and volunteers who are risking their health to make sure all of us make it through the COVID-19 pandemic. Submit your nomination today to see your local hero Nighlighted in our special: Henses of Our Valley Looming in August1. Submit your local hero and describe what they've done for our community in 300 words or fewer; to news ilress/badme-

They're also equipped with Pads to access interpreter services in other languages, including sign language. "If you provide the inter-

preter, they will come," said Stick Croshy, network and health equity director for AllCare.

speak a language other than English at home, and 40% of those residents say they don't speak English very well, according to a 2018 American Community Study: It's important to wear a mask that

ern Oregon covers nose Conference

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By Matthew Dissis The News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)

RALEIGH, N.C. - One of the most confusing aspects of COVID-10 is its tendency to spread when people don't have symptoms, but a new study from researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill may explain why that happens and help doctors prevent the worst cases of the disease.

The study found that the coconavirus infects the cells in the nose much more easily than those in the throat and bange.

Scientists are still working to understand the ways people can catch COVID-99. An important clue to Dr. Richard Boucher, one of the senior researchers Inside at the UNC School of Debate continues about Medicine, is masks and perthat many sonal freedoms. people with Page A5 COVID-10 lose their Syntretic viruses fuel sense of COVID-19 smell, Previminarch. ous research Page A5 anggiosts. that over half of patients with

COVID-19 partially or completely lost their sense of smell while sick. This suggested that the

coronavirus could be especially active in the nose even when people don't show classic nasal symptoms like sneeding, runny nose, or congestion.

As a pulmonologist, Boucher sees many people with chronic lung problems get sick when









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Innovations in the CCO Model saves lives





OPINION

Fire response showed wisdom of coordinated care

Original region government hasn't always performed as well as it could when it comes to delivering services to state residents who need them. But one shining exception is the two local Coordinated Care Organizations and how they stepped up to help victims of the Almeda Fire in 2020.

AllCare Health and Jackson Care Connect manage Oregon Health Plan benefits for about 80,000 Jackson County residents. OHP is the system Oregon set up to deliver federal Medicaid insurance benefits to low-income Oregonians. Part of that system is a network of Coordinated Care Organizations, or CCOs, which manage physical, mental and dental health benefits and work with social services and other support to help patients improve their overall health while controlling health care costs.

That unique approach meant the two CCOs were ideally

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positioned to respond when the Almeda Fire swept through Phoenix and Talent, destroying the homes of thousands of people and leaving them without essential supplies.

After the fire, AllCare and Jackson Care Connect jumped into action, using mapping technology to identify clients who lived in the fire zones and were likely to have lost their homes. The CCOs authorized early prescription refills to replace vital medications that had been destroyed, as well as medical equipment such as wheelchairs, glucose monitors and blood pressure cuffs.

Working with their partner organizations, they provided rides, paid for hospital stays and collected dental supplies from dentists and delivered them to shelters.

This comprehensive approach to meeting all human needs, not just medical care, is getting national attention thanks to

an article by Dr. Richard Williams, executive vice president of AllCare Health. The article, "Wildfire Response and Recovery: The Importance of Coordinated Care and Social Support," appears in Catalyst, a journal produced by the publishers of the New England Journal of Medicine.

It's no secret that people's physical health is affected by many factors beyond disease. Mental stability, dental care, secure housing, healthy food and reliable transportation all play a role. Addressing all those needs at the same time, as the CCO model strives to do, means better health outcomes for individuals and lower costs to the taxpayers who fund the system.

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