



HealthierHere



Seattle City Council Select Committee on Federal
Administration and Policy Changes

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Building Healthier Communities TOGETHER



HealthierHere is a non-profit collaborative that partners with communities and organizations across sectors to change systems so it's easier for people to access the health-related social services they need to thrive. We support a cohort of 85 Community Based Workers speaking 40 different languages across 21 partner organizations, backed by a cross-sector network of 100+ organizations.

HealthierHere Connects Seattleites on Medicaid to Essential Social Care Services



Food



Utility Assistance



Healthcare



Behavioral Health Services



Transportation



Job Training and Placement



Housing



Education



Financial Literacy



Legal Support

Who We Serve

Focusing on individuals and communities who experience the effects of **inequity, racism, and discrimination** in our health and social systems.

- Demographics served, in order of prevalence:
 - *Black / African American: 32%*
 - *Asian: 18%*
 - *White: 17%*
 - *Latino/a or Latinx: 12%*
 - *Other: 9%*
 - *Multiracial: 6%*
 - *Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander: 2%*
 - *American Indian/Alaska Native: 1%*
 - *Middle Eastern/North African: 1%*



King County at a Glance

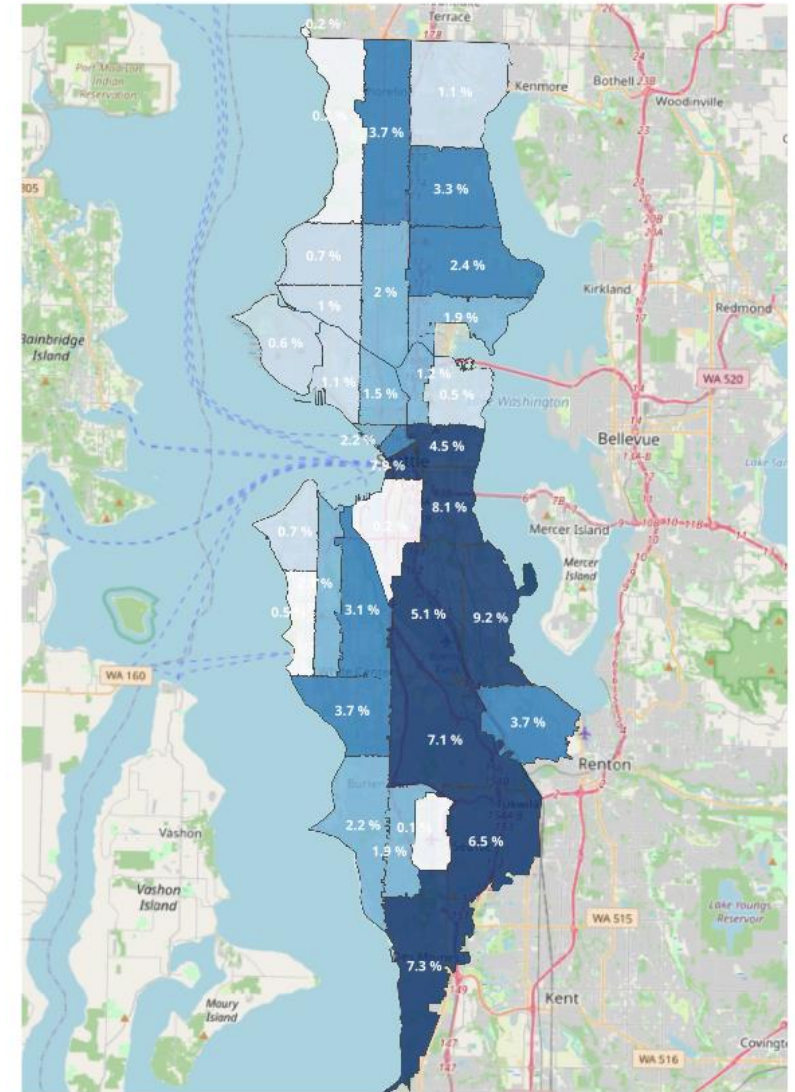
- Population 2,411,700 (24% increase since 2010)
- 90% urban
- 25.6% immigrant/refugee population (2022)
- ~ 18% Medicaid eligible population; 5.3% uninsured population
- ~215,000 enrollees potentially subject to enhanced eligibility requirements under H.R.1; ~70,000 will likely need 1:1 support to re-enroll
- Highest community needs* related to:
 - Housing & shelter services
 - Financial assistance
 - Food access
 - Employment
 - Utilities



* Based on data from the HealthierHere Community Hub

Seattle at a Glance

- Population: 754,195 (2024)
- 20.1% foreign-born population (2024)
- 10.5% population on Medicaid; 4.18% uninsured (2024)
- Seattle Neighborhoods served most by HealthierHere*
 - *Chinatown International District to South and East Seattle*



* Based on data from the HealthierHere Community Hub

How H.R. 1 Will Impact Seattle

Sweeping cuts and changes will strip essential coverage, strain systems, burden budgets, and increase barriers. **If we fail to act, we'll see poorer health and social outcomes for residents, and increased costs for the City.**

Food
Assistance
Programs

Healthcare
Access for
Patients

Healthcare
Workforce
Stability

Behavioral
Health
Treatment

Wrap-around
Housing
Supports

Long-term Care
& Disability
Supports

Source: H.R. 1 Impacts on Washington State People and Budget

Community-Based Organizational Feedback on Gaps to Address H.R.1 Cuts

- I. **Capacity:** additional FTEs to handle increased case work.
- II. **Training:** need case workers to be trained on unique H.R.1-related eligibility redetermination processes on a rolling basis as CMS guidance is issued – or changes.
- III. **Data Interoperability:** break down information siloes across government and community-based organizations in a safe and secure way. Make sure we're reporting on the impacts of H.R.1 holistically and exempting enrollees from more onerous requirements if they qualify for an exemption.

HealthierHere is Positioned to Help

Keeping people out of crisis. Making every public dollar reach further.

- Trusted neutral convener for community to government problem-solving
- Culturally and linguistically responsive early intervention
- Technology able to connect fragmented systems
- Reduce service duplication and redundancy
- Increase transparency and accountability
- Track outcomes and impacts system-wide with connected partners



Our Work



- Facilitates connection to culturally appropriate services addressing social needs
- Free & focused on Medicaid-eligible individuals and families
- Leverages strength of Community Based Workforce



- Enables secure exchange of information across systems
- Plug-and-play ready for government agencies and CBOS
- Provides access to data to assess community health needs and inform local policy

- Aging and Disability Services Partnership – Medicaid HRSN Screening & Referral
- Seattle / King County Public Health H.R.1 Capacity Building Effort

Together we can support a healthy, safe, & thriving Seattle.

The worst of H.R.1 impacts will happen if we do nothing to help enrollees retain their Medicaid coverage. Let's work together to protect healthcare access for our communities.

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