



Improving Health by Aligning Housing and Health Systems

**Columbus and Akron, Ohio; Houston and Austin, Texas; and Seattle/ King County, Washington
to Get Help Planning for Better Outcomes**

CSH, the Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) and UnitedHealthcare Community & State are launching a joint cross-sector project called **'Improving Health by Aligning Housing and Health Systems.'**

With the support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, local and national project members will work together to improve health outcomes of Medicaid beneficiaries being served through managed care and living in federally assisted housing, including units within Public Housing Authorities (PHAs). Five communities have been selected to receive assistance with a one-year planning initiative that will design and develop local interventions to align health and housing resources at the person, program and system levels.

After an intensive review process, Columbus and Akron, Ohio; Houston and Austin, Texas; and Seattle/ King County, Washington, have been chosen for this project assistance.

Each community will develop a multi-pronged strategy for improving health care, addressing health disparities, reducing costs, and creating an integrative system and policy roadmap.

Individual sites will develop place-based initiatives that will leverage the capacity, resources and expertise of CLPHA and its member PHAs, CSH and UnitedHealthcare. At the end of the planning period, each community will have an implementation and evaluation plan focused on improving the health of Medicaid beneficiaries, which could lead to lower costs over the long term.

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