

The 2018 National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) Innovation in Data Dissemination Award



The distinguished *Innovation in Data Dissemination Award for 2018* has been granted to the Washington All-Payer Claims Database's new [HealthCareCompare](#) website.

While the Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Leadership is intended for an individual, the Innovation in Data Dissemination Award is designed to be awarded to an organization. The NAHDO Board of Directors established this award in 2009 to recognize the importance of effectively communicating health data to the public. Through this award, NAHDO honors Washington State's commitment to bringing greater transparency to health care costs in the state and giving residents powerful tools to make data-driven, informed decisions that maximize health care quality and value.

NAHDO applauds the design of the website application that emphasizes clarity while providing actionable information and best practices for all users (patients, providers, hospitals, and communities) to understand the state of health care in Washington to promote and continuously improve health care quality and value through performance benchmarks and metrics. Additionally, [HealthCareCompare](#) also allows businesses and individuals to optimize their health care purchasing strategies, while promoting competition in the marketplace to further increase quality and cost efficiency.

About the Washington All-Payer Claims Database

In 2015, the Washington legislature initiated a statewide all-payer health care claims database as a public resource for improving delivery of health care across the state. The Washington All-Payer Claims Database is administered by Washington's Office of Financial Management through its lead organization, the Oregon Health & Science University Hospital's Center for Health Systems Effectiveness, with data services provided by Onpoint Health Data and a public website created by Forum One. The website launched on June 29, 2018.

