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Dear Primary Care Health Providers,

Health reform continues to be an exciting process, and each community in our state is taking steps to improve the system of care. The Department of Health has been supporting health care improvements, specifically in primary care, in very deliberate projects since 1999.

In 2012 the Department of Health is developing new ways of doing this work, and is pleased to join together with local organizations and health departments to reach out to primary care providers. As the local health departments focus increasingly on changing the policies and practices in communities that affect health, the Department plans to support their work and augment it with a focus on the development of health/medical homes, with emphasis on the national priorities for clinical prevention services and planned care for chronic conditions.

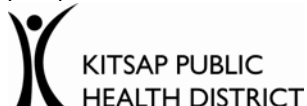
Later this year, in approximately late summer, the Department of Health, and their partner organizations will offer an enrollment process for a range of training, quality improvement, and technical assistance services called the ***Transforming Primary Care Initiative***. All primary care providers in the state will be offered access to a self-paced package of services and tools focused on patient-centered health home development. In addition we will offer community-based more intensive work on patient-centered health home that will move around the state, focused training and support for care management for patients with multiple chronic conditions, and cross-setting work focusing on improvements to care transitions.

In advance of that enrollment, the first step is to offer primary care teams in priority counties a simple catalogue of available resources from the recently completed Patient-Centered Medical Home Collaborative, a joint project of the Department of Health and Washington Academy of Family Physicians. The *Transforming Primary Care Resource Catalogue* is an annotated compilation of tools, useful links, and information on the topic of health/medical home, preventive services, and care for chronic conditions, provided in a PDF file with "hot links." The catalogue will be posted on our website (<http://www.kitsappublichealth.org/healthcare/providers.php>). All items can be ordered at no cost by email. If you would like a copy emailed to you please contact Faith Johnson at [faith.johnson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:faith.johnson@doh.wa.gov)

We look forward to working together to create healthier communities.

Respectfully,

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