

## The Utah Provider Payer Pharmacist Patient (UP4) Alliance

*Launching a State-Wide Alliance to Spread Comprehensive Medication Management Throughout Utah*

### UP4 Alliance Overview

In September 2021, the University of Utah College of Pharmacy (CoP), partnering with the Alliance for Integrated Medication Management (AIMM), launched a campaign to form a new state-based alliance to optimize medication use across the state. The alliance would bring together providers, pharmacists, payers, and patients to identify and create practical, sustainable solutions. The vision of the UP4 Alliance has four parts:

- **Strong Partnerships Formed** - Create a space where health care practitioners, payers and patients can connect, explore opportunities to align common goals and form new partnerships.
- **New, Effective Delivery Systems Developed** - Collectively develop medication management programs that are consistently delivered across health systems.
- **A Commitment to Ongoing Collaboration** - Form a long-term collaborative alliance that meets regularly to break down silos and promote innovation.
- **New Funding Agreements in Place** - Create sustainable funding agreements between health plans, providers and pharmacists that enable all Alliance members to realize the benefits of effective medication management services.

### UP4 Active Partner Organizations:

<b>PAYERS</b>	<b>HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS</b>	<b>ACADEMIA AND ALLIANCES</b>
SelectHealth	Intermountain	University of Utah College of Pharmacy
Cigna	Granger Medical	Alliance for Integrated Medication Management
Aetna	University of Utah Primary Care Clinics	
Molina	Premier Family Medical	
Regence BC/BS		
Optum		
PEHP		
University of Utah Health Plan		
Utah Medicaid		

### Critical Area of Focus

An overwhelmingly positive response has emerged from the 13 partner organizations involved along with active engagement. The UP4 participants have said that they see the Alliance and its “everybody in the room” philosophy as unique and important. Throughout the various opportunities for the CoP and AIMM to connect with the Alliance partners, several themes emerged related to the critical work to be



done to design and implement the Medication Management Workflow. The three major themes are the following:

- Focusing on Patients with High Medication Risk
- Delivering Effective Comprehensive Medication Management Services
- Generating Value for Alliance Stakeholders

**What's Next for the Alliance**

The CoP and AIMM team are now working to secure commitments from each organization to invest, either dollars or staffing resources, into the Alliance so that we can continue the work on refining the UP4 Medication Management Workflow model and begin delivering services to patients.