



GHIP mission statement

Core concepts defined

Offer State of Delaware employees, retirees and their dependents adequate access to high quality healthcare that produces good outcomes at an affordable cost, promotes healthy lifestyles, and helps them be engaged consumers.

Core Concept	Definition
Adequate access	Access to various types of healthcare providers that meets generally accepted industry standards (e.g., x number of y PCPs, specialists, hospitals within z miles of GHIP participant's home zip code).
High quality healthcare that produces good outcomes	Healthcare that meets nationally recognized standards of care established by various governmental and non-governmental health care organizations (e.g., AHRQ, NCQA, The Leapfrog Group). ¹
Affordable cost	Annual health care cost trend that is lower than national average for both GHIP participants and the State. For GHIP participants, at minimum, medical plans meet the minimum value and affordability requirements under PPACA; cost reflects both out-of-pocket cost sharing via plan features and employee payroll contributions. For the State, program costs are monitored and budgeted to promote greater fiscal certainty.
Healthy lifestyles	Combination of behaviors that reduce health risk factors, including regular exercise, proper nutrition, avoidance of tobacco, moderation of alcohol use, preventive care, and active management of chronic conditions.
Engaged consumers	GHIP members who have taken ownership of their health by using all available resources provided by the State (e.g., provider cost/quality data, SBO consumerism website and online training course) to make informed decisions on how, where and when they seek care.

¹ AHRQ = Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, a Federal agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

NCQA = National Committee for Quality Assurance, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

The Leapfrog Group is a nonprofit watchdog organization and a national advocate of hospital transparency in cost, quality and safety data to support informed decision-making among healthcare consumers.