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**Project Access Northwest partners with Virginia Mason to extend care to uninsured**  
*Cambia Health Foundation grant helps expand access to specialty care in South King County*

SEATTLE – Many more low-income, uninsured South King County residents will be able to get specialty medical care from volunteer doctors, as [Project Access Northwest](#) expands its work through a partnership with [Virginia Mason Medical Center](#). A \$45,000 grant from [Cambia Health Foundation](#) (formerly The Regence Foundation) will help make this possible.

Connecting under- and uninsured people to donated specialty care from volunteer doctors helps them maintain and recover their health more effectively while reducing unneeded strain on area emergency rooms, community clinics and public health departments.

“Typically most health care safety-net services focus on connecting residents with primary care. Project Access Northwest is unique in that its sole focus is helping people without insurance get the specialty care they need,” said Peggy Maguire, Cambia Health Foundation board chair. “Partnering with Virginia Mason will greatly increase the number of people Project Access Northwest can connect to care.”

Project Access Northwest will use the foundation grant to cover the one-time costs of training and setting up a new referral system for this partnership. This work builds on the success of a \$35,000 Cambia Health Foundation grant Project Access Northwest received in 2008.

**About Cambia Health Foundation**

Cambia Health Foundation is the corporate foundation of Cambia Health Solutions, a total health solutions company dedicated to transforming the way people experience the health care system. A 501(c)3 grantmaking organization, the foundation partners with organizations to create a more person-focused and economically sustainable health care system. Through its Sojourns program, the foundation also works to enhance quality, improve access, advance innovation and facilitate conversations about palliative care and end-of-life issues. For more information, visit <http://cambiahealthfoundation.org/> or [www.twitter.com/cambiahealthfdn](http://www.twitter.com/cambiahealthfdn).

The Cambia Health Foundation was previously The Regence Foundation. It recently changed its name to more accurately reflect the name of its parent company, Cambia Health Solutions, Inc.

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