

Health Care Reform

Improving health care “The Washington Way”

Governor's Perspective

- Let's embrace opportunities before us
- Much to be learned about legislation
- Changes at state level will unfold over time
- Reform is more than financing and coverage
 - Wellness
 - Prevention
 - Better delivery systems

Health Care Cabinet

- Membership: DOH, HCA, DSHS, OFM (OIC ad hoc)
- Other agencies (L&I, DOC, DVA) as needed
- Purpose: serve as vehicle for delegation, coordination, information gathering
- Outreach: serve as a portal for public, stakeholders, to locate info at www.governor.wa.gov
- Point of contact for Legislature, Congress, administration

Health Care Cabinet Agencies

- Where implementation occurs
- Ground level for all actions, and subject-area experts
- Where stakeholders need to engage
- Represented on the Health Care A-team:
 - Shares info
 - Coordinates activities
 - Plans strategies

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Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation

- Established by 2010 legislation (SB 6444, Sec. 954)
- Composed of 9 legislators
- Point of contact for the Governor's Office and agencies
- Venue to discuss and develop needed legislation
- Advisory committees authorized
- More information at:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/jointcommittees/HRI/>

What's Happening Now?

- Implementing policies, programs subject to short-term deadlines
- Aligning state agencies and existing state initiatives with national health reform
- Identifying and pursuing funding opportunities:
 - As funded and as announced
 - From all sources, for all recipients
- Participating in federal implementation:
 - Agency rulemaking
 - Advisory panels and work groups

Longer-Term Planning and Policy Development

- **Low-income coverage expansion**
- **Health insurance exchange**
- **Health care work force and system capacity**
- Delivery system improvements
- Public health

Work to be informed by executive/legislative staff workgroups

Fiscal Impact Work Group

- Directed by OFM
- Responsible for providing cost estimates, fiscal, other data
- Comprised of OFM, agency, legislative budget staff
- Work products will inform Cabinet, Governor, Legislature