



# Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform 2007





- Created by SB 06-208
- Purpose:  
To study and establish health care reform models for expanding coverage, especially for the underinsured and uninsured, and to decrease health care costs for Colorado residents.



## Colorado is Not Alone!

Have or currently are working on  
Comprehensive health reform proposals:

- Indiana
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New Hampshire
- Illinois
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington
- Massachusetts
- Pennsylvania
- California
- Minnesota
- New York
- Connecticut
- North Carolina
- Virginia
- Maryland
- Maine



## Commissioners by Appointing Authority

### **Governor Owens (R) Appointees:**

Clarke D. Becker, Executive Director, Colorado Rural Development Council

Carrie A. Besnette, Vice President, Metropolitan State College

R. Allan Jensen, Independent Life and Health Insurance Broker

Joan M. Weber, Benefits Risk Manager, City of Englewood

David F. Rivera, Former Commissioner of Insurance, State of Colorado

Lisa M. Esgar, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting

### **Senate Minority Leader McElhany (R) Appointees:**

Steve ErkenBrack, Chair, Health Care Committee, Club 20

Bill Lindsay, President, Benefits Group, Lockton Companies of Colorado, Inc.

Ralph Pollock, Chair, Business Committee on Health Care, CACI

### **House Minority Leader May (R) Appointees:**

Christy Blakely, Director, Family Voices

Linda Gorman, Director, Health Policy Center, Independence Institute

Pam Nicholson, Sr. VP, Advocacy and Community Partnerships, Centura Health



## Commissioners by Appointing Authority (cont.)

### **Speaker Romanoff (D) Appointees:**

Erik Ammidown, Director Health & Disability Benefits, Qwest Communications

Elisabeth Arenales, Healthcare Program Director, Colorado Center on Law & Policy

Donna Marshall, Executive Director, Colorado Business Group on Health

Arnold Salazar, Colorado Behavioral Health Care Council

Mark Wallace, MD, MPH, Founder, Northern Colorado Health Alliance

Barbara Yondorf, Senior Program Officer, Rose Community Foundation

### **Senate President Fitz-Gerald (D) Appointees:**

David A. Downs, Jr. MD

Julia Greene, Director - Health Systems Colorado, Service Employees Int'l Union

Grant Jones, Executive Director, Center for African American Health

Mark Simon, Disability Advocate

Daniel Stenersen, President & CEO, Shalom Park

Steven J. Summer, President & CEO, Colorado Hospital Association



## Commissioners by Appointing Authority (cont.)

### **Governor Ritter (D) Appointees:**

Peg Burnette, CFO, Denver Health

Don Kortz, Chair, Fuller & Company

Lynn Westberg, Director, San Juan Basin Health Dept.



## Statutory charge

- Examine health coverage and reform models designed to ensure access to affordable coverage for all Colorado residents
- Solicit comprehensive reform proposals from interested parties
- Select 3-5 proposals for in-depth technical assessment by an independent contractor
- Hold meetings around the state to solicit public input
- Complete final report with recommendations to the General Assembly by November 30, 2007



## Goals

- Increase coverage
- Reduce cost



## Guiding principles

- Protect and improve the health status of all Coloradans
- Expand coverage of essential health care services for all Coloradans, with an emphasis on the uninsured and underinsured
- Align incentives to provide high-quality, cost-effective and coordinated care
- Support a system that is financially viable, sustainable and fair
- Provide opportunities for meaningful choice and encourage personal responsibility
- Emphasize wellness, prevention, health education and consumer empowerment



## Criteria for proposals

Comprehensiveness

Access

Coverage

Affordability

Portability

Benefits

Quality

Efficiency

Consumer choice and  
empowerment

Wellness and  
prevention

Sustainability



# Timeline

March 22 & 24	Public input on criteria
April 6, 2007	Proposals due
May 2007	Select evaluation consultant Public input on principles, proposals
May 17-18, 2007	Select proposals for evaluation
Summer 2007	Model and refine proposals Public input on proposals
October 2007	Community meetings in all Colorado congressional districts
Nov. 2007	Present final report to General Assembly



## Proposals

- 31 received
- May 7: Commission selected 11 for further discussion
- May 10, 12: Public input
- May 17, 18: Commission selects 3-5 for modeling
- Option to develop consolidated proposal



## What is “modeling” and how will it be used?

- A way to mathematically analyze the cost, benefit and extent of coverage provided by each selected proposal
- Selected contractor: The Lewin Group



## Questions for community members

- What are the one or two most important features that you feel must be included in any Colorado health care reform?
- What is the most important principle that should be considered in any reform effort?



## How we'll use your input

- Record your comments and take back to the Commission
- Help us decide on the 3-5 plans on which we'll perform detailed analysis



## **Information**

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**The public is welcome at all Commission meetings**