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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Position of Director of Health Reform Implementation and the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the position of Director of Health Reform Implementation and the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board.

I. Background and Purpose

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, enacted by Congress and signed by the President, is now the law of the land. The federal law builds on Colorado's successes, allowing the state to continue leading the way and ensuring access to affordable health care to 500,000 Colorado residents who would otherwise lack health coverage. All Colorado residents and businesses will benefit from this new law through enhanced access to quality and affordable health care, insurance market reforms, and cost containment measures.

The successful operation of Colorado's health care system is essential to the state's economic well-being and the quality of life of its citizens. Thus, the State must demonstrate leadership to ensure successful implementation of national health reform, which will by its very nature cut across traditional lines of agency and department responsibility.

This Executive Order creates the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board (the "Board"). The Director of Health Reform Implementation (the "Director") shall be responsible for the coordination of agencies in order to implement reform. The Board shall extensively engage stakeholders to assist in improving Colorado's healthcare system. The work of the Board will improve the health of Coloradans by integrating federal and state policy to create an efficient, high quality, and transparent health care system.

II. The Director of Health Reform Implementation

The Director shall be responsible for the coordination of and facilitation between agencies in order to implement health care reform in Colorado.

III. Mission and Scope of the Board

The mission of the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board is to provide the governance, rules and regulation, and administrative infrastructure to facilitate planning and implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the "Act") in Colorado. In support of this, the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board shall:

A. Develop a strategic plan for implementation of the Act, building on Colorado's successful health reform efforts;

B. Coordinate agency efforts to implement, and monitor the Act;

C. Provide dedicated leadership and be accountable for implementation of state and federal health reform;

D. Extensive engagement of stakeholders to advise and assist in implementation of the Act;

E. Collaborate with appropriate federal agencies, state agencies, and stakeholders when necessary regarding the establishment of new rules, regulations, or mechanisms for the implementation of the Act;

F. Provide transparent access to information;

G. Launch and regularly update a new website that will provide Colorado residents with information about the Act, the phases of implementation, and how changes may benefit them;

H. Identify opportunities for collaboration within the State, as well as regionally and nationally;

I. Analyze the impact of the Act on state departments and agencies;

J. Recommend executive action or legislation to effectively implement the Act;

K. Report quarterly to the Governor on the status of implementation; and

L. Pursue federal and state grants to assist in implementing any aspects of the Act.

IV. Membership

A. The interagency oversight board shall consist of 11 voting members and be comprised as follows:

1. The Executive Director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, who shall serve as the Chair of the Committee;

2. The Director of Health Reform Implementation;

3. The State's Chief Medical Officer. If there is no Chief Medical Officer, the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment;

4. The Executive Director of the Department of Human Services;

5. The Director of the Division of Human Resources in the Department of Personnel and Administration;

6. The Commissioner of Insurance in the Department of Regulatory Agencies;

7. The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue;

8. The Budget Director of the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting;

9. The Director of the Office of Information Technology;

10. Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor; and

11. A representative of the Governor's Policy Office, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor.

B. The Board will establish an interagency workgroup to develop operational plans for executive branch agencies.

C. The Board may establish advisory groups, task forces, or other structures from within its membership or outside its membership as needed to address specific issues or to assist in its work. These groups may include representatives of non-governmental entities including, without limitation, doctors, nurses, economists, actuaries, health care professionals, patient

advocates, public health, consumer advocates, representatives from health plans and insurers, and businesses.

D. The Board shall meet regularly. The Board will direct other advisory groups, task forces or other structures established by the Board regarding meeting schedules, and will provide appropriate staffing and technical assistance and subject matter expertise.

V. Staffing and Resources

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing shall provide the Director and the Board with necessary staff support and resources. The Director and the Board shall have the power to accept money and in-kind contributions from private entities and persons to the extent such donations are necessary to cover its expenses. Assuming necessary resources are secured, the Director may hire or contract any needed staff with specific health care expertise. Any money contributed to the Board shall be directed to the Office of the Governor and deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Colorado in an account within the Office of the Governor's budget or to the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

VI. Directives

A. The position of Director of Health Reform Implementation is hereby created

B. The Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board is hereby created.

VII. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twentieth day of
April, 2010.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor