

**Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation
Exchange and Insurance Reforms Advisory Group**

July 30, 2010 Meeting Summary

Ground rules and governance decisions:

- The co-chairs will be Senator Parlette and Representative Cody.
- Staff will provide brief summaries of meetings, but not official minutes.
- Meetings will be open to the public, with phone in capabilities for members of the advisory group when possible.
- The work of the group is to (1) inform the Joint Select Committee on policy decisions for the Legislature (with an initial emphasis on near-term decisions) and (2) identify executive branch decision points related to implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Initial interests expressed by Advisory Group:

- Identifying principles to guide decisions.
- Governance of an exchange. [On the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's (OIC) Realization agenda.]
- Addressing adverse selection issues. (On OIC Realization agenda.)
- What is a quality health plan (QHP), and procedures for certifying QHPs.
- Subsidies and Medicaid/ Basic Health Plan eligibility related issues.
- Individual mandate implementation.
- Risk issues (including one or separate risk pools, state or regional exchanges, and/or multiple exchanges with substate service areas).
- Office of Financial Management/Senate staff fiscal analysis of health reform (pending).

Discussion:

Group review of the introduction to Exchanges and high level policy questions from morning presentation to the Joint Select Committee.

Expected product:

- By the 2011 legislative session, identify policy decisions related to the framework for an exchange (including how the current Health Insurance Partnership relates to that framework). Legislation anticipated for initial framework in 2011; additional details will be dependent on the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) rules and may need to be fleshed out in 2012 Legislation.
- List of policy questions/options, with "pros" and "cons."

Tasks:

- Share OIC realization committee minutes from July 29, 2010.
- Send out HHS exchange questions (sent out for public comments).
- Share initial list of policy questions generated by executive branch.

Next meeting:

August 25, 2010, possibly 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, location to be determined (in free meeting space large enough to accommodate some public attendance).