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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee

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SUBJECT: Overview of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee

This memorandum provides the 2011 membership of the Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee, charge of the committee, bill limits, request deadlines applicable to the committee, and information regarding committee staff and the committee website.

Membership for 2011

Senator Betty Boyd
Chair

Senator Irene Aguilar
Senator Kevin Lundberg
Senator Jeanne Nicholson
Senator Ellen Roberts

Representative B. Gardner
Vice-Chair

Representative D. Gardner
Representative Jim Kerr
Representative Beth McCann
Representative Ken Summers

Meeting Dates

The task force is scheduled to meet on August 1, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in House Committee Room 0112. Further meeting dates have yet to be determined. The committee may meet at the call of the chair up to five times each calendar year.

Committee Details and Charge

The Legislative Health Benefit Exchange Implementation Review Committee is required to meet on or before August 1, 2011, and is authorized to meet up to five times per calendar year. Members serve without compensation, but may receive per diem and be reimbursed for travel expenses. The committee is charged with reviewing grants applied for by the Health Benefit Exchange Board of Directors and reviewing the financial and operational plans of the exchange.

Committee Recommendations to Legislative Council

Bill limits. The task force may report up to five bills or other measures to the Legislative Council, unless the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council approves a greater number. Bills approved by the Legislative Council *do not* count against a member's five bill limit for the regular legislative session.¹

Legislative Council review. The Legislative Council is tentatively set to review interim committee recommendations on November 8, 2011. Bills not approved by Legislative Council may be introduced into the regular session, but such bills *will* count against a member's five bill limit. Interim committee bills must have prime sponsors prior to consideration by the Legislative Council.²

Requirements for bill drafts. Requests for bill drafts must be made no later than Tuesday, October 4, 2011, to allow sufficient time for drafting and final consideration by the members. Final proposed legislation must be approved by Tuesday, October 25, 2011, in order to be considered at the November 8, 2011, meeting of the Legislative Council.

Committee Staff and Website

The Legislative Council Staff is charged with assisting the interim committee in its activities. If you have any questions or need additional information about the committee, please contact any of the following committee staff:

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You may also visit the committee website at:
<http://www.colorado.gov/LCS/ExchangeReviewComm>

¹Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (D)

²Joint Rule 24 (b) (1) (E)

Health Care Exchange Legislative Oversight Committee SB 10-200

The Legislative Oversight Committee Composition:

10 Members: House Speaker – 3; Minority Leader – 2
Senate Pres – 3; Minority Leader – 2

Overview of Duties:

The LOC guides the implementation of legislation and ensures that the Health Care Exchange Board is operating as outlined by statute in both form and function.

1. Meets up to five times per year,
2. Can recommend up to five bills to the General Assembly
3. Chair alternates each year: odd year – senate member; even year – house member
4. Reviews grants; Chair, Vice Chair review grant applications
5. Reviews financial and operational plans
6. Approves appointment of the Executive Director

Guiding Concepts of SB 10-200

Exchange Board is made up of 12 members and operates as an unincorporated nonprofit entity:

Nine (9) voting members

(Appointed by the House and Senate leaders and Governor based on list of qualifications)

Three (3) ex-officio members:

(HCPF Director, Insurance Commissioner, Director of Economic Dev/Int Trade)

1. Board governs the operation and governance of Exchanges
2. Chair is selected from the board from its membership
3. Appoints executive director
4. Does not make rules
5. Does not duplicate or replace duties of Insurance Commissioner
6. Does not solicit bids or purchase insurance
7. Applies for grants
8. Creates subgroups

Principles of the Exchange

1. Health Care Exchange that is Colorado specific
Guiding question: “what is best for Colorado?”
2. Priority is to promote access and to reduce cost for individual and small business
3. Maximize options for coverage:
 - More plans
 - More providers
 - More participants
4. Key Goals: (must continually ask how these are being achieved)
 - Access
 - Affordability
 - Choice
 - Competition

