

Implementing national health care reform in Washington
June 19, 2010

1. Develop communication strategy:
 - a. General public
 - b. Interest groups
 - c. Interagency/Cabinet
 - d. Legislature

2. Implement Programs and policies subject to short term deadlines:
 - a. Medicaid waiver seeking federal assistance for BHP and DL (DSHS, HCA)
 - b. Federally funded high-risk pool (OIC)
 - c. Health insurance regulations (OIC, HCA/PEBB)
 - d. Family planning Medicaid state plan amendment (DSHS, HCA)
 - e. HITECH (HCA, DSHS)
 - f. Consolidated health purchasing

3. Align existing initiatives with NHR:
 - a. Health Insurance Partnership (HCA)
 - b. Apple Health for Kids > 300% FPL (DSHS, HCA)
 - c. Medical home, accountable care organization pilot projects (HCA)
 - d. Administrative simplification (OIC, HCA, DSHS)

4. Identify and pursue funding opportunities:
 - a. Maternal, Infant and Childhood Home Visiting Program Grants (DOH, DEL)
 - b. University of Washington (UW)
 - c. Personal Responsibility Education Grant Program (DOH)
 - d. National Criminal Background Check Federal Matching Grants (DSHS)
 - e. Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (HCA/PEBB)
 - f. Enhanced Medicaid Administrative Match (DSHS, HCA)
 - g. Navigating Health and Long-Term Care Grants (DSHS/ADSA, OIC)
 - h. Health Insurance Premium Review Grants (OIC)
 - i. Patient Safety and Medical Liability Demonstration Projects (awarded)
 - j. Strengthening the primary care workforce grants (WTECB, others (7/19 deadline))
 - i. Health Care workforce planning grants
 - ii. Nurse managed health clinics
 - iii. Health Care workforce implementation grants
 - iv. Advanced Nursing Education Expansion Program
 - v. Expansion of Physician Assistant Training Program
 - vi. Primary Care Residency Expansion
 - vii. Personal and Home Care Aide State Training Program
 - k. National Prevention Council and Prevention and Public Health Fund (DOH, other)

5. Participate as appropriate in federal implementation:
 - a. Rulemaking
 - i. Dependent coverage of children to age 26 (OIC, HCA/PEBB)
 - ii. Medical loss ratio (OIC)
 - iii. Web portal (OIC)
 - iv. Insurance rate review (OIC)
 - v. Reinsurance for early retirees (OIC, HCA/PEBB)
 - vi. Medically underserved pops and primary care health professional shortage areas (DOH)
 - vii. Grandfathered health plans (OIC, HCA/PEBB)
 - b. Nominees for federal advisory panels and work groups
 - i. Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Governing Board
 - ii. National Health Care Work Force Commission
 - iii. Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory Panel

6. Initiate longer-term planning and program implementation
 - a. Issues
 - i. Low-income coverage expansion (DSHS, HCA)
 - ii. Health insurance exchange (DSHS, HCA, OIC)
 - iii. Health care workforce (DSHS, HCA, DOH, WTECD, HECB)
 - iv. Delivery system improvements (DSHS, HCA, DOH, L&I)
 - v. Public health (DOH)
 - vi. Consolidated data collection and analysis (HCA, DSHS, DOH)
 - b. Fiscal, caseload and other modeling
 - c. Necessary statutory changes
 - i. State
 1. Health plan rate review (OIC)
 2. All-payer claims data base (HCA, DSHS, DOH)
 - ii. Federal

7. Meetings

- a. Agency-Team
 - i. Generally Wednesdays 9-10:30, alternating focus
 - ii. Agenda items to Nadine by previous day at noon
- b. Fiscal impact work group (Nick)
- c. Longer-term planning and program implementation work groups
 - i. Low-income coverage expansion (Roger G.)
 - ii. Health insurance exchange (Richard O.)
 - iii. Workforce and care capacity (Jonathan)
- d. NHR implementation meeting with Legislative staff
 - i. Alternating Thursdays, 9-10, beginning 5/20
 - ii. Agency staff attendance as appropriate
- e. Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation
 - i. 3 more meetings prior to session: 7/30, 9/15, Dec. Committee Assembly
 - ii. Interim phone-calls with Jonathan, Keiser, Cody; agencies as needed
- f. Health Care Cabinet
- g. Governor's Monthly Health Care Planning Meeting
 - i. 6/14, 7/14, 8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/23, 12/23
- h. Weekly HHS NHR phone calls
 - i. Thursdays, 12:30 – 1:30; Agenda usually available by Wednesday afternoon
 - ii. Meeting notes available on NGA website