FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM: WHAT DO STATE POLICYMAKERS DO NOW?

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WHAT DOES THE NEW LAW MEAN FOR STATES?
States & the Federal Government

- A renegotiation of roles between the states and the federal government regarding health care regulation, financing and administration over the next 10 years.
  - Assessing competency
  - Trust exercises
  - Trial and error
  - Making adjustments as needed
Keeping Love Alive

- Couples counseling (states and the federal government)
  - Insurance regulation
  - Medicaid (administration, financing, benefits, providers....the future of....)
  - Health insurance exchanges
  - States as employers
States and Successful Reform
Elements of Success

- Meeting Overall Goals
  - Coverage
  - Health Outcomes/Quality
  - Cost Effective and Efficient Care
  - Workforce/Infrastructure

- Meeting Program Goals
  - Health Insurance Exchange(s)
  - Medicaid Expansion
  - Insurance Regulation
  - State Innovation
Health Insurance Exchanges

- Establishing the health insurance exchanges
  - Consumer friendly
  - Business friendly
  - Interoperable with Medicaid
  - Effective and efficient operation in general
  - New service delivery models
Mainstreaming Medicaid

- Improve infrastructure (workforce and facilities)
- Improve quality of care/customer satisfaction
- Successful marketing to non-traditional eligibles
- New service delivery models
REAL Insurance Reform/Regulation

- Responsive
- Effective
- Accountable
- Local
Keeping State Innovation Alive

- Effectively use new tools (loans, grants, pilots and demonstration projects) to further **state and national goals**
- Effectively use the **flexibility** afforded to states
- Use **existing resources** (private, academic, volunteer, non-profit....) and keep ALL stakeholders fully engaged to develop and initiate programs that relate to your state.
Keeping Love Alive … Part II

- Couples counseling (state executive and legislative branches of government)
  - Establishing and agreeing on priorities
  - Developing effective strategies to implement key reforms
  - Identifying and agreeing on financing
What Will Policymakers Do?
Make Key Decisions

- High Risk Pools (which option)
- Changes to state insurance regulations
- Health Exchanges
- Medicaid & State Programs for the Uninsured
- State Flexibility Options
  - State Compacts
  - Basic Health Plan
  - Waiver (Opt Out)
State Policymaker Memo
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- BE INFORMED….know the implementation timelines and key decisions that must be made
- IDENTIFY RESOURCES to further state goals
- DON’T LOSE YOUR STATE IDENTITY
- PROVIDE FEEDBACK to the federal government
- BE FLEXIBLE….IT'S GOING TO BE A BUMPY RIDE……….
NCSL Resources


☐ The website will also take you to relevant state reform information and activities