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Who Should Do What to Assure High Quality, Efficient Health Care . . . And How Can States Decide?

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Cindy Greenlaw Benton has worked for the State of Minnesota Health-Related Licensing Boards since 2002, and is the staff person for the Minnesota Council of Health Boards. The Council reviews legislative proposals for professional regulation. These legislative proposals have included regulation of naturopathic doctors, body artists, massage therapists, and denturists, among others.

She graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law, and has lived in Minnesota since 1984. She has worked in various capacities for Minnesota State Government, including as a Staff Attorney for the Minnesota Supreme Court, an investigator with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, and an Equal Opportunity Consultant with Minnesota Department of Employee Relations.

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Dr. Ned Calonge

Ned Calonge, MD, MPH, is the Chief Medical Officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine and an Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine and Biometrics in the School of Public Health at the University of Colorado, Denver.

At the Department of Public Health and Environment, Dr. Calonge is responsible for supervision of health-related divisions, including the Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology Division, the Preventive Services Division, the Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division, the Laboratory Services Division, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Division, and the Colorado Health and Environment Information Services Division. He also oversees the Office of Health Disparities.

Outside of the Department, Dr. Calonge is a member and past President of the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners, which licenses and provides regulatory oversight for physicians. He teaches epidemiology, biostatistics and research methods at the University of Colorado Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He serves as a Governor appointee on the Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVIC) Board and the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) Board. At the Colorado Medical Society he chairs the Health Affairs Committee. He was appointed Chair of the 2007 Collaborative Scopes of Care Advisory Committee.



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Nationally, Dr. Calonge is the Chair of the United States Preventive Services Task Force, a federal panel of experts convened by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality that is charged by Congress to develop national evidence-based recommendations for preventive health care services for clinicians. He is a member of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Task Force on Community Preventive Services, which develops community-level prevention recommendations. He is a member of the CDC's Evaluating Genomic Applications for Practice and Prevention (EGAPP) Workgroup, which is charged with creating evidence-based recommendations for genetic testing services. He is a member of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children in the Maternal and Child Health Bureau in the Health Resources and Services Administration; this committee provides recommendations for the uniform core conditions list for state newborn screening programs.

Previous to his appointment at the Department of Public Health and Environment in January 2002, Dr. Calonge was the Chief of Preventive Medicine and Research for Kaiser Permanente of Colorado. He began his career as full-time faculty in the University of Colorado Department of Family Medicine. He received his BA in Chemistry from The Colorado College, his MD from the University of Colorado and his MPH from the University of Washington; and is board certified in both Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine. Dr. Calonge has published extensively on prevention in the medical literature and continues to consult on federally funded research projects. He is the 2004 recipient of both the Public Health Award and the Robert Graham Physician Executive Award given by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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Catherine Dower is the Associate Director for Research at the UCSF Center for the Health Professions where she oversees and coordinates the Center's research and policy portfolio. She is project director or principal investigator for several studies and initiatives focused on health care scope of practice, health care workforce and innovative practice models. She co-directs the Health Workforce Tracking Collaborative, which assesses health care workforce challenges such as mal-distribution, shortages and language access. For five years, she directed the California Workforce Initiative, a comprehensive research and policy program that includes studies on physician supply and distribution, nursing and allied health shortages, and safety net workforce challenges.

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