

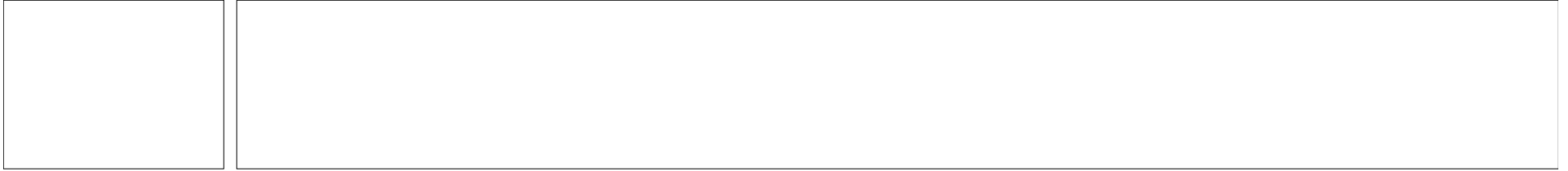


FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM: WHAT DO STATE POLICYMAKERS DO NOW?

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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

	<h1>States and Successful Reform</h1>
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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 AlivePart 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 Pad

- **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

- Federal Health Reform Webpage ---
<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=17639> or simply go to
<http://www.ncsl.org> scroll down to
“Dateline Washington” – “Health Care Reform Becomes Law” and click on
“more”
- The website will also take you to relevant state reform information and activities