

Healthcare Coverage Reform Initiative

Second Hospital Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2007

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Lobby Conference Room

Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI)

2100 Stella Court, Columbus, OH 43215

Attendees:

Bridget Gorgon, Joann Ort, Patrick Smith, Ogbe Aideyman, Brent Carson, Martin McGann, Jon Fishpaw, Dantte Mick, Ivy Chen, Nick Lashutka, Mel Borkan, Sean Dunn, Lisa Dodge, Melissa Saladonis, TC Wolfe, Tony Conda, Russ Kennedy, Doug Anderson, Malika Bartlett, Kevin Tyler, Marjorie Ellis, Suparna Bhaskaran.

1. Doug Anderson from the Ohio Department of Insurance welcomed the participants. He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the last 2-3 months of developments in regards to the Health Care Coverage Initiative. Additionally, he mentioned, that he welcomed feedback from the audience and said their concerns would be considered. He also added that some members of the Advisory Committee were present in the audience. Doug also had everyone in the room introduce themselves.
2. Doug then proceeded with a power point presentation, which is available at www.healthcarereform.ohio.gov. He also encouraged questions and comments anytime during this presentation.
3. During the course of the meeting, the following issues were raised:
 - a. One participant asked why people who are eligible for Medicaid are not enrolled. The group then discussed some of the barriers and the complexity of the Medicaid system.
 - b. One participant asked how “health status” is determined with regard to some of the charts showing the characteristics of the uninsured. Doug explained that “health status” is self-reported on the Family Health Survey. Dave Dillon, the actuarial consultant hired by the Department is reviewing information from Medicaid and the insurance companies and will provide information about “health status.”
 - c. A participant asked how the insurance industry feels about modified community rating? Doug explained that the insurance industry would be reluctant to change rating rules.
 - d. The groups also discussed the individual and employer mandates on Massachusetts, and the differences between Ohio and Massachusetts in terms of the rating rules. Ohio allows risk based rating, whereas

Massachusetts has restrictions, including a rule that the highest rate can only be two times greater than the lowest rate.

- e. A question was also asked about the timeline. Doug explained that the actuarial study will be done in January, and the SCI Team and Advisory Committee will review that information and provide recommendations to the Governor and the legislature. Legislation will follow.
- f. The group also discussed benefit packages and implementation issues.
- g. A question was raised about Rep. Raussen's proposal, which may be out in January. Based on conversations with Rep. Raussen, it appears his legislation will be broader than coverage. He is on the SCI Team and has been kept in the loop about this initiative.
- h. A participant asked about health information technology, and Doug explained that the Governor recently issued an executive order establishing a health information technology working group to develop plans for implementing health information technology in Ohio.

4. Meeting Adjourned