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GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2009 – 03S

Establishing the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council

- 1. Ohio is Committed to Creating a Comprehensive and Cost-Efficient Health Care System for All Ohioans.** Ohio is committed to facilitating Ohioans' access to affordable health insurance coverage and to ensuring that health services are of the highest quality possible. By facilitating access to quality health care at an affordable price, the State will improve the health and quality of life of its citizens, reduce medical debt and inefficiencies in the health care system, and enhance worker productivity and the business environment in Ohio.
- 2. The State Has Taken Steps to Ensure that the Number of Ohioans Receiving Quality Health Care Services Continues to Grow.** Ohio has embarked on two important initiatives in its efforts to improve Ohio's health care and coverage system and to ensure that Ohioans have access to such coverage - the State Coverage Initiative (the "Coverage Initiative") and the State Quality Improvement Initiative (the "Quality Initiative"). Through the Coverage Initiative, Ohio, along with a broad-based group of stakeholders, formulated specific recommendations for expanding coverage to Ohio's uninsured residents. Similarly, the Quality Initiative developed strategies to facilitate the creation of a high-quality yet cost-effective health care system in Ohio by 2013.
- 3. Establishing the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council.** Because I believe that it is imperative for every Ohioan to have access to quality health care coverage that is affordable, I hereby order the establishment of the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council (the "Health Care Council"). The role

of the Health Care Council will be to facilitate the implementation of health care initiatives that will expand affordable health insurance coverage to more Ohioans and to improve the cost and quality of Ohio's health care and coverage system.

4. Responsibilities of the Ohio Health Care Coverage and Quality Council. The Health Care Council shall:
 - a. Advise the Governor and General Assembly on strategies for improving health programs, policies and plans;
 - b. Monitor and evaluate implementation of strategies to improve access to health insurance coverage and the quality of the health care system and to identify barriers to implementing those strategies and methods to overcome the barriers;
 - c. Catalog existing health care data reporting efforts and make recommendations to improve data reporting in a manner that increases transparency and consistency in the health care and insurance coverage systems;
 - d. Study health care financing alternatives that will increase access to health insurance coverage, promote disease and injury prevention, contain costs and improve quality;
 - e. Evaluate the systems that individuals use to obtain or otherwise become connected with health insurance and recommend improvements to those systems or the use of alternative systems;
 - f. Recommend minimum coverage standards for basic and standard health insurance plans offered by insurance carriers;
 - g. Recommend strategies, such as subsidies, to assist individuals in being able to afford health insurance coverage;
 - h. Recommend strategies to implement health information technology to support improved access and quality and reduced costs in the state's health care system;

- i. Develop programs to assist employers in adopting cafeteria plans that meet the requirements of federal law;
 - j. Perform any other duties specified by the Superintendent of Insurance.
5. **Composition of the Council.** I will appoint the following persons to the Health Care Council:
- a. The Superintendent of the Department of Insurance, the Director of the Executive Medicaid Management Administration, the Director of the Office of Healthy Ohio within the Department of Health, the State Benefits Administrator within the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and Ohio's Medicaid Director, or their respective designees;
 - b. One member selected by the President of the Ohio Senate and one member selected by the Minority Leader of the Ohio Senate;
 - c. One member selected by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and one member selected by the Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives;
 - d. Individuals whose knowledge, experience and expertise make them representative of the following constituencies:
 - i. Consumers of health care services;
 - ii. Employers that provide health coverage to workers;
 - iii. Medical facilities, including a research or academic medical center;
 - iv. Licensed medical practitioners;
 - v. Insurance carriers;
 - vi. Organized labor;
 - vii. Non-profit organizations experienced in health care data collection and analysis;

- viii. Public or private sector health information technology and exchange;
 - ix. Public health professionals;
 - x. Statewide public retirement plans;
 - xi. Any others recommended by the Superintendent of Insurance.
- e. **Governance; Support Staff; Meetings; Compensation.** The Health Care Council may adopt by-laws setting forth rules for its governance and the conduct of its meetings. The Superintendent of the Ohio Department of Insurance, or the Superintendent's designee, shall serve as Chair of the Council and will convene meetings as needed. The Ohio Department of Insurance will provide staff support for the Council. Members of the Council will not be compensated for their participation on the Council. However, consistent with Ohio law, as well as Executive Orders previously issued, members may be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in conducting the business of the Council. Such expenses shall be paid by the Ohio Department of Insurance.
6. I signed this Executive Order on March 5, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.



Ted Strickland

Ted Strickland, Governor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State