



## **HEALTH POLICY STAKEHOLDER MEETING TEMPLATE**

**In order to accurately capture and understand your organization's priorities for health care reform and other health care policy issues, we ask that you briefly detail your priorities as follows:**

- **Health policy priorities/goals in the short term**
  - Be prepared at the very outset of the incoming Administration and Congress to begin the legislative process for meaningful health care reform that would achieve high-quality, affordable health care for everyone
  - Help states meet the challenge of severe budget shortfalls by including federal fiscal relief in the form of a temporary increase in the federal matching rate (FMAP) for both Medicaid and SCHIP in the economic stimulus legislation
  - Include the SCHIP reauthorization in the economic stimulus package – preferably for five years with additional funding that would reach at least the 4 million uninsured children that would have gained coverage under the bills vetoed by President Bush, taking into account that the new five-year period is more expensive than the previous one and taking into account that more children will need public coverage due to the recession
  - We have developed a 15-page memorandum outlining the administrative decisions that the incoming Obama Administration can make that do not require Congressional action and that would significantly improve health coverage and affordability, especially for low-income people and families. Special emphasis should be given to reversing the Bush Administration's Medicaid regulations and the August 17, 2007 directive in SCHIP
  
- **Health policy priorities/goals in the long term**
  - Achieve high-quality, affordable health coverage and care for all Americans
  - We have developed and initiated a variety of efforts towards this goal that we wish to share, including: (1) a “strange bedfellows” dialogue process involving all the key stakeholders (traditional supporters and blockers of previous health care reform) that could change the dynamic of the reform process; (2) a significant advertising campaign; and (3) a broad coalition and grassroots campaign
  
- **The mechanisms for achieving the goals**
  - Described above; some require legislative action and some can be achieved through administrative rulemaking
  
- **Any budgetary or appropriations concerns or impact**
  - All the legislative proposals have significant budget impacts
  
- **Any other HHS-related issue**
  - CMS appointments