



## 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 (**First 90 days**)
  1. Our immediate and most important priority is increasing the FMAP as part of the broader stimulus package.
  2. Rescind the package of seven Medicaid rules proposed by the Bush Administration, six of which are currently in abeyance through April. For a thorough description of the background and effect of the regulations, including a state-by-state analysis of the fiscal impact, see: <http://oversight.house.gov/documents/20080303111450.pdf>
  3. Work to amend the Medicare Modernization Act to rescind subsidies to Medicare Advantage (MA) plans and rescind authorization for the Medicare premium support demonstration project program slated to begin in 2010.
  4. Narrow application of CMS's broad MA waiver authority so new employer applications for MA plan waivers are not authorized. While the legislative process is moving forward, we urge a deliberate and thorough review of insurance company requests for a waiver to offer employer-only MA plans. These plans are the source of the greatest growth and have received the least oversight in the bid process.
- Health policy priorities/goals in the long term
  1. Systemic health care reform as outlined by President-elect Obama to include:  
A public plan option;  
Provisions for coverage for 55-64 year old retirees; and  
Direct negotiation of prescription drugs under Medicare Part D.
  2. Pandemic preparedness – HHS guidance to hospitals does not include requirements that hospitals take steps to protect workers at high risk of exposure. We would like the National Health Security Strategy that HHS must deliver to Congress in November 2009 to include plans for reducing the exposure of emergency responders and others who would be at risk of occupational exposure to pandemic flu. Because OSHA rules do not cover all public hospitals and public workers, we would encourage the use of CMS authority. (OSHA coordination).
- The mechanisms for achieving the goal (i.e., executive order, regulation, guidelines, policy change or legislation)
- Any budgetary or appropriations concerns or impact



- Any other HHS related issue
  1. Reinstating the authority to provide federal matching payments for state spending of child support incentive payments, which authority was rescinded in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. This temporary restoration is included in S. 3689, the Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The CBO cost estimate is \$1.1 billion over the 2009-2010 period. Our long term goal is permanent reinstatement of federal matching payments for child support incentive payments. Legislation is required to achieve this goal.
  2. Increase funding by \$1 billion per year for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG). This funding is sufficient and necessary to provide 164,000 working parents with the ability to participate in the workforce and contribute towards economic recovery. Current state accounts for child care assistance are fully extended.
  3. Work with the Congress to enact legislation to provide health care services and income security for workers who have become ill due to exposures during the rescue, recovery and cleanup of Ground Zero following the 9/11 attack. (HR 7174)