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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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RHODE ISLAND COORDINATED HEALTH CARE PLANNING

WHEREAS, expenditures for health care in Rhode Island exceed \$6 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, health care costs are paid by individuals, private-sector employers, and government at the local, state, and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, all payers of health care have an interest in maximizing the value of each dollar spent on health care; and

WHEREAS, greater value in health care can be achieved through increased access to and utilization of appropriate services, improved quality of services, use of evidence-based guidelines in health care delivery, culturally and linguistically appropriate health care, and enhanced prevention and wellness activities; and

WHEREAS, consistent data collection and analysis that is endorsed by public and private sector participants – including consumers, providers, payers, and regulators – is necessary in order to build a common assessment of the health care system, its allocation of resources, its cost-effectiveness, and its impact on population health; and

WHEREAS, the current health care financing system is fragmented across private and public payers, and payment for health care is fragmented across health care providers, which impedes the creation of monetary incentives to encourage health care providers to develop affordable, high-quality, safe, and accessible health care services; and

WHEREAS, efforts to achieve a common vision of high-value health care in Rhode Island through purchasing, public reporting, regulation, and consumer engagement will be most effective and efficient if planned and implemented by both public and private sector entities in a coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders from various sectors support coordinated health planning and the implementation of common strategies to improve Rhode Island's health care system; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated health planning process should create usable and dynamic guidance that helps design a health care system and improves the health of Rhode Islanders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations do hereby order as follows:

1. Development of health planning studies.

The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Director of the Department of Health shall oversee the coordination of health care planning studies for the State of Rhode Island. Potential areas for focus that may be evaluated from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Secretary and Director include but are not limited to:

- (a) Ongoing assessments of the state's health care needs and health care system capacity that are used to determine the most appropriate capacity and allocation of health care providers, services, equipment and other resources, to meet Rhode Island's health care needs efficiently and affordably. These assessments shall be used to advise the determination of need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services or "certificate of need" process through the health services council;
- (b) The establishment of Rhode Island's long range health care goals and values, and the recommendation of innovative models of health care delivery;
- (c) Recommendations for health care payment models that reward improved health outcomes, including models that align incentives for effective services;

- (d) Recommendations for measurements of quality and appropriate use of health care services that are designed to evaluate the impact of the coordinated health plans;
- (e) Recommendations for promoting the appropriate role of technology in improving the availability of health information across the health care system, while promoting practices that ensure the confidentiality and security of health records;
- (f) Coordinated review of existing data sources from state agencies and the private sector that are useful in developing health planning studies; and
- (g) Recommendations for legislation and other actions that achieve accountability and adherence in the health care community to plans and recommendations.

2. Community involvement in health planning.

The Secretary of the EOHHS and the Director of DOH shall:

- (a) Coordinate the advice and recommendations of existing advisory groups that have representation from the community and expertise or interest in the development of health planning studies or other areas as identified as needed by the Secretary and Director. The Secretary and Director shall coordinate the advice and recommendations of these groups in order to inform the development of health planning studies; and
- (b) Appoint committees as needed that have the appropriate technical expertise to inform health planning studies. The Secretary and Director shall have appointing authority to appoint additional health planning advisory groups that have representation from consumers, health care providers, business, insurers, and state government.

3. Implementation of health planning studies.

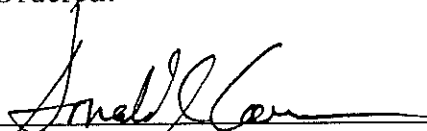
The Secretary of the EOHHS and the Director of DOH shall:

- (a) Provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of health planning activities. This annual report shall:
 - 1. Present strategic recommendations that have arisen from the community's involvement in health planning studies;

2. Assess the implementation of strategic recommendations in the health care market;
3. Analyze steps necessary to implement recommendations that have not yet been implemented in the health care market;
4. Recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly legislative or regulatory revisions necessary to achieve the long term goals and values adopted by the Council as part of its strategic recommendations; and
5. Include a response letter from each state agency that is affected by the state health planning recommendations, describing any actions taken related to recommendations that impact that agency.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered:



Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

Dated: 9/24/07