

AGENDA

PRIVATELY OWNED HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION TASK FORCE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, July 21, 2005 • 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Room W135 House Building

1. Task Force Business

- Call to Order
- Approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2005 meeting
- Next meeting - Thursday, August 25, 2005, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

2. Expert Services

S.B. 61, which created the Privately Owned Health Care Organization Task Force, authorizes the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in consultation with the Task Force, to contract with an economist, financial analyst, and an actuary for services to the Task Force. Numerous individuals testifying before the Task Force have suggested that the Task Force hire services of an expert to conduct a market analysis of the Utah health care market. The staff will review an outline of a market analysis study and a suggested process and timeline for issuing a request for study proposals and selecting a proposal.

- Connie Steffen, Policy Analyst

3. Access to Health Care Providers

Legislation enacted in the 2004 General Session requires a health maintenance organization to pay for covered health services rendered to an enrollee by certain independent hospitals, federally qualified health centers, and health care providers with active staff privileges at independent hospitals or federally qualified health centers. At the request of Representative Lockhart, staff will discuss the purpose and operation of the enacted legislation.

- Cathy Dupont, Associate General Counsel

4. Health Insurance Panel Discussion

The panel discussion begun at the last meeting will resume. The panel members are requested to address the following questions: 1) What solutions do you propose to address the challenges presented during the previous panel discussion and how do those solutions affect the end consumer? 2) How feasible is it for a non-IHC health insurer to compete in a market where most of the health delivery resources are owned or controlled by IHC? 3) Do specialists who are employed by IHC or on IHC health plan panels have different privileges at IHC facilities than those specialists who are not employed by or on IHC panels? 4) Are comparable insurance products priced differently in different areas of the state?.

- Health Insurers and Other Health Care Representatives

5. Other Items / Adjourn