



KHPA Board 2007
Health Reform Recommendations

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Goal of Health Reform in Kansas

To improve the *health* of Kansans –not just health insurance or health care – but the *health* of our children, our families, and our communities

Kansas Health Reform Overview

- 2005 and 2006: Creation of KHPA
 - Appointment of Board
 - Creation of vision principles and framework
- 2007: Creation of Health for All Kansans Steering Committee
 - Passage of SB 11:
 - Created premium assistance program
 - Outlined development of health reform options
- 2008: Debate Health Reform Options
 - Legislative debate

KHPA Reform Priorities

- Promoting personal responsibility
 - For responsible health behaviors
 - Informed purchase of health care services
 - Contributing to the cost of health insurance, based on sliding scale
- Prevention and primary care medical homes
 - Focus on obesity, tobacco control, chronic disease management and incentives for primary care medical homes
- Providing and protecting affordable health insurance
 - Focus on small business, children, and the uninsured

Summary: Personal Responsibility Policy Options (P1)

- **Improve Health Behaviors**
 - Encourage healthy behaviors by individuals, in families, communities, schools, and workplaces
 - Policies listed under P2 – pay for prevention
- **Informed Use of Health Services**
 - Transparency for consumers – health care cost & quality transparency project
 - Promote Health Literacy
- **Shared Financial Contributions** for the cost of health care
 - Policies listed under P3

Summary: Medical Home Policy Options (P2)

Promote "Medical Home" model of care

- Define medical home
- Increase Medicaid provider reimbursement for prevention/primary care
- Implement statewide Community Health Record
- Promote insurance card standardization

Summary: Pay for Prevention Policy Options (P2)

- **Healthy Behaviors in Families & Communities:**
 - Increase tobacco user fee
 - Statewide Smoking ban in public places
 - Partner with community organizations
- **Healthy Behaviors in Schools:**
 - Include Commissioner of Education on KHPA Board
 - Collect information on health/fitness of Kansas school children
 - Promote healthy food choices in schools
 - Increase physical education

Summary: Pay for Prevention Policy Options (P2)

- **Healthy Behaviors in Workplace:**
 - Wellness grant program for small businesses
 - Healthier food options for state employees
- **Additional Prevention Options:**
 - Provide dental care for pregnant women
 - Improve tobacco cessation within Medicaid
 - Expand cancer screenings

Summary: Provide & Protect Affordable Health Insurance Policy Options (P3)

- “Updated Sequential Model”
 - Expand private insurance for low-income Kansans through premium assist: **Kansas Health Choice**
 - Improve access to coverage for Kansas children, with specific targets for enrollment
 - Increase affordable coverage for solo business owners and other small businesses



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