

Opportunity for Public Comment

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The Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform was created by the Colorado Legislature in 2006. The Commission is charged with making recommendations for comprehensive health care reform with the goal of increasing health care coverage and decreasing costs for Colorado residents, with particular emphasis on the issues of the uninsured, underinsured, and those at risk of financial hardship due to the costs of medical care. The Commission is required to make final recommendations for comprehensive health care reform to the General Assembly by November 30, 2007.

Purpose of Public Hearings and March Meeting Schedule

The Commission is soliciting proposals for health care reform and will select three to five of the proposals submitted for further evaluation. The Commission seeks public input on the criteria that will guide Commissioners as they consider the proposals they receive. Please see the back of this flier for details about the Criteria and the questions the Commission would like you to answer.

MARCH 22, 2007

DENVER 4:00-7:00 PM.

Fitzsimmons Campus building #P18

12800 E. 19th Ave, Auditorium in the North Tower. (take Montview Blvd which is 20th street and Peoria Street)

MARCH 24, 2007

COLORADO SPRINGS 9:00 a.m. -noon

Penrose Cancer Center, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., #101

GRAND JUNCTION 9:00 a.m. -noon

Grand Junction City Hall Auditorium, 250 N. 5th Street (Enter from the 5th Street Entrance)

GREELEY 9:00 a.m. -noon

Monfort Children's Clinic - Community Room, 100 N. 11th Ave.

ALAMOSA 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Valley Wide Health Systems, 128 Market, Training Room

Contact Us: Follow the work of the Commission and view a copy of the Solicitation for Health Care Reform Proposals at www.colorado.gov/208commission. Contact: Anita Wesley Via e-mail: 208commission@comcast.net; Phone: 1-888-776-2332. Fax: 303-837-8496.

All locations are ADA accessible. Please submit requests for reasonable accommodations to Anita Wesley at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing you plan to attend. Good faith efforts will be made to fulfill all requests submitted with fewer than 7 days notice.

How Will the Commission Use Your Testimony?

- A preliminary summary of the testimony will be presented to the full Commission at its next meeting on March 28th, 2007.
- A full report on the testimony received will be presented to the Commission before it selects proposals for evaluation.
- Your testimony will help Commissioners understand how the public views each criterion. However, it is important to understand that this is not a vote that will determine how the Commission will use the criteria.

****Please provide your written comments at the time of your testimony****

The Commission is interested in your thoughts about the Criteria and would like you to answer the questions below.

Questions to be answered in oral or written testimony:

1. What are your thoughts on the importance of any of the 11 criteria? Please explain why any one or more of them are more or less important to you.
2. Do you have any comments on the description of each of the criterion?

CRITERIA (please download testimony document for full descriptions).

Comprehensiveness

Access

Coverage

Affordability

Portability

Benefits

Quality

Efficiency

Consumer Choice and Empowerment

Wellness and Prevention

Sustainability

Upcoming Opportunities for Public Input and Topics for Discussion:

Timeframe	Topic
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Late April/early May 2007	Selection of proposals presented to the Commission.
Last two weeks of October 2007	Recommendations to the Colorado Legislature.

Additional opportunities to comment on or participate in the work of the Commission throughout the year will be posted on the Commission's website at www.colorado.gov/208commission. All Commission meetings are open to the public.



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