The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2010.15

Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council
(Amends Executive Order 01.01.2010.07)

WHEREAS, The Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council was established to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the federal health reform legislation and identify critical decision points that must be considered by the State; and

WHEREAS, The Council has requested that the Department of Human Resources be added to the Council because of the valuable insight the agency will provide regarding human services issues.

NOW, THERFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.2010.07 AND PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

A. Established. There is a Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council (Council).

B. Membership. The Council consists of the following members:

(1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

(2) The Lieutenant Governor;

(3) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management;

(5) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;

[(5)] **(6)** The Insurance Commissioner;

[(6)] **(7)** The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

[(7)] **(8)** The Chair of the Health Services Cost Review Commission or the Chair's designee;

[(8)] **(9)** The Chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission or the Chair's designee;

[(9)] **(10)** Two members of the Maryland Senate appointed by the President of the Senate; and

[(10)] **(11)** Two members of the Maryland House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House.

C. Co-Chairs. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Lieutenant Governor shall co-chair the Council.

D. Staffing.

(1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff support for the administrative functions of the Council.

(2) The participating government agencies and the Department of Legislative Services shall provide appropriate staffing for substantive issues in their areas of responsibility, as determined by the Chairs.

E. Members of the Council may not receive any compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the Standard State Travel Regulations, and as provided in the State budget.

F. Responsibilities.

(1) By July 15, 2010, the Council shall submit to the Governor a comprehensive evaluation of the federal health reform legislation and identify critical decision points that must be considered by the State. Such review shall include, but is not limited to:

(a) Review of each section of the federal legislation and identification of affected State law and regulation;

(b) Development of a comprehensive timeline for the implementation of the various components of the federal legislation, with preliminary identification of what specific implementation decisions must be made by the State and when such decisions must be made;

(c) Development of a financial model to estimate by year and by program the impact of the reform on the State general fund budget; and

(d) Recommended approach to develop and evaluate policy options for the State including method of soliciting input from interested stakeholders.

(2) By January 1, 2011, the Council shall submit to the Governor a comprehensive document with policy recommendations and implementation strategies. This document will be developed in accordance with the approach adopted by the Council in its July 15, 2010 report to the Governor. Among other criteria, these recommendations will consider the impact on the State budget.

G. In carrying out responsibilities under this section, the Council may:

(1) Invite academic experts and other witnesses to submit testimony;

(2) Hold hearings;

(3) Contract with experts and consultants as necessary to inform the deliberations and recommendations;

(4) Contract to provide staff assistance; and

(5) Appoint advisory committees including representatives of State and local agencies, providers, payers, consumers, and other interested parties.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 22nd Day of July, 2010.

Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

John P. McDonough
Secretary of State