

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON MEDICAID REFORM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Stan Clark at 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Paul Feleciano, excused
Senator Jim Barnett, excused
Senator Pete Brungardt, excused

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Fred W. Schuster, Regional Director, U.S. Dept. Of Health & Human Services, KC, MO

Thomas H. Lenz, Associate Regional Administrator, U.S. Dept. Of Health & Human Resources

Others attending: See attached list

Modernizing Medicaid

Mr. Schuster summarized the participation by states, state budget requirements, the two Medicaid programs to be offered over a ten-year period starting in 2004, federal allotments and increases proposed for each year. He noted any portion of the allotment not used in one year would be carried over to the following year. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Lenz reviewed the proposed federal program and noted legislation would be required to change the Federal Medical Percentage Rate (FMPR). Question from Sen. Huelskamp if there was a pilot state to look at for a model? Lenz answered that each state will be making their own program. He noted the program is designed to keep individuals who require care in their home. Senator Lee questioned how many waivers have been granted in Kansas and Mr. Lenz read a list of several different waivers and the number of persons each covered. When questioned whether these allotments were determined by dollars or service, he noted they are based on dollars. Question on what some acronyms were: FFP - Federal Financial Participation; UPL - Upper Payment Level. Suggested the committee would find it helpful to have a listing of the acronyms.

Website on DMS - www.dms.hhs.gov.

Future possible agenda and meeting dates -

Monday, February 17 - long term care

Monday, February 24 - providers

Friday, February 21-

March 4 - an all day meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. with 101 Medicaid

Chairman Clark asked the various state agencies involved to provide testimony on how this program would apply to Kansas.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON MEDICAID REFORM at on February 10, 2003
in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

The next meeting of this Task Force will be on February 13, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary