

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 March 5, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Barnett, excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Ann McMorris, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Bob Day, SRS  
Laura Howard, Dept. Of Aging

Others attending: See attached list

Information provided to the committee -

1. Policy Options Discussion Guide - Health Care Policy by Laura Howard, Asst. Secretary for Health Care, SRS ([Attachment 1](#))
2. Kansas Department on Aging cost containment strategies - Janis DeBoer ([Attachment 2](#))
3. Caring Hearts of Wichita - written testimony by Brenda Carver ([Attachment 3](#))
4. Article - "What's it gonna cost, Doc? By Tom Simpson, MD ([Attachment 4](#))
5. Medicaid Long Term Care Spending FY 2001 chart ([Attachment 5](#))
6. Letter of March 3, 2003 from Janet Schalansky, Secretary, SRS ([Attachment 6](#))
7. Fact Sheet - State Health Care Partnership Allotment ([Attachment 7](#))

Robert Day of SRS spoke on abuse of drugs, chemical restraint and drugs not covered by Medicaid. The drugs not covered could be waived in but are not mandated, usually inexpensive but are they good. Some of the drugs that aren't covered are in the valium family and there are 8 or 9 of these. Mr. Day had data on the 2000 top beneficiaries for Medicaid in FY2002. He didn't supply this list to the committee due to confidential information it contained. He shared the information that the top beneficiary had cost \$533,000; the second - \$530,000; the third \$481,000; the fourth \$426,000; the fifth \$268,000. These claims covered various health problems. Inpatient expense is a big driver of cost. Discussion on how to determine care management. There is a need for a program to deal with conditions where people have more than one chronic disease.

Several ideas were discussed - paying primary care physicians' extra; pilot program in Sedgwick County to set up case management; long term care factors; medicare legislation; use of 20 or more drugs by one person; managed care success; rural health care needs.

Laura Howard, Assistant Secretary of Health Care, SRS, distributed a Policy Options Discussion Guide on Health Care Policy ([Attachment 1](#)). She discussed the adjustments included in the Governor's Budget recommendations for SRS - p.40; current comparison of economic benefits by state - p.28-29; Medicaid mandatory and optional coverage groups - p.32-33; comparison of most common optional medical

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services for adults - p.34; current comparison of medical eligibility by state - p.35; description of service or population- p.3-24. She referred to long term care, estate planning and legislative suggestions. Some discussion on residency requirements in Kansas and other states. Kansas has no residency requirements.

The next meeting of the Task Force on Medicaid Reform is on March 5, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMorris, Secretary

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