

# Alaska Health Care Commission

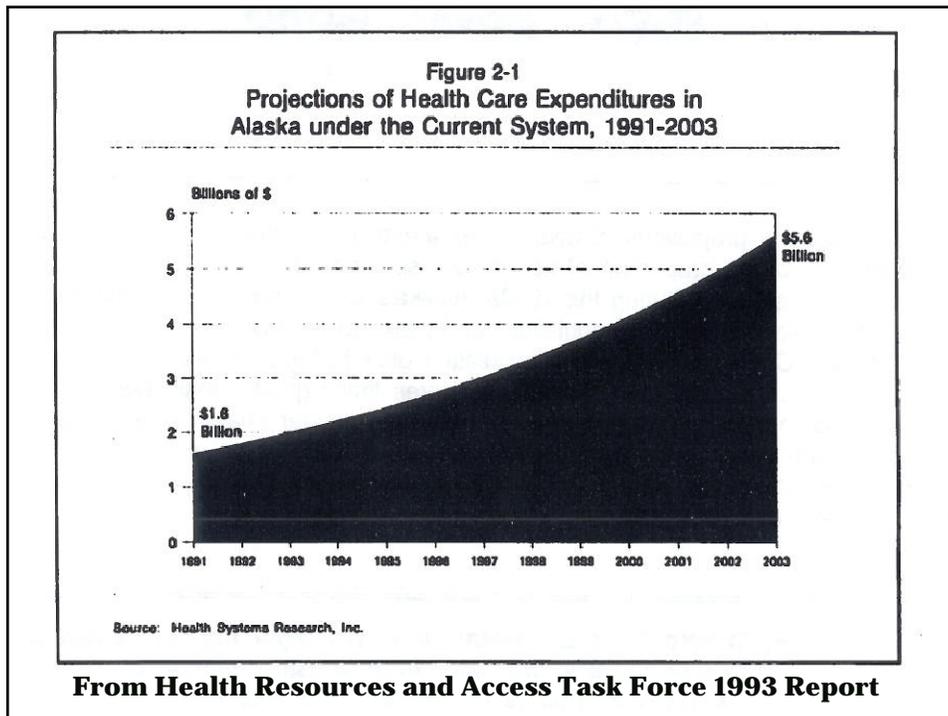
## Background – Update – Next Steps

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## A Brief History...

- 1987 – 1988** Governor's Interim Health Care Commission
- 1991 – 1993** Health Resources & Access Task Force
- 1993 – 1994** Commonwealth North (CWN) Report
- 2003 – 2005** CWN Alaska Health Care Roundtable
- 2007** Alaska Health Strategies Planning Council



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## Significance of Health Care to SOA

- State Operating Budget (\$7.3 B (FY 11; w/o debt))
  - **Medicaid** **\$1.4 B** (DHSS \$2.3 B)
  - Education 1.4 B
  - Transportation .7 B
  - University of Alaska .8 B
  - Public Safety .2 B
  - Courts .1 B
  - Corrections .3 B

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## Alaska Health Care Commission

- Created by Governor Palin under Admin Order # 246
  - Convened February – January 2010
- SB 172 passed by the Legislature April 2010; Signed into Law by Governor Parnell June 2010
  - Established commission under AS 18.09
  - New members appointed September 2010
  - Sunsets June 30, 2014 *(if not extended)*

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## Alaska Health Care Commission

### **Purpose:**

Foster development of statewide plan to address quality and accessibility of health care

### **Duties:**

- State health planning and coordinating body
- Foster development of:
  - Comprehensive statewide health care policy
  - Strategy for improving the health of Alaskans
- Annual Report due to Governor and Legislature January 15

## Membership

### **11 Voting Members** *(New seats added by SB 172 italicized)*

- DHSS Chief Medical Officer – designated Chair
- Tribal health community
- Statewide chamber of commerce
- Alaska State Hospital & Nursing Home Association
- Health care provider
- Health insurance industry
- Health care consumer
- *Primary care physician*
- *Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority*
- *Community health centers*
- *U.S. Dept. of Veterans' Affairs health care industry*

### **3 Ex-Officio Members**

- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Office of the Governor

## Commission's Strategic Plan

- 5-Year Planning Framework
  - Develop Vision
  - Accurately Describe Current System
  - Build the Foundation
  - Design Transformation Elements
  - Measure Progress
  - Engage Public & Stakeholders
- Action Plan for 2009 Recommendations
- 2010 Commission Work Plan

## Vision, Goals & Values

### Vision

*Alaska's health care system produces improved **health** status, provides **value** for Alaskan's health care dollar, delivers consumer and provider **satisfaction**, and is **sustainable**.*

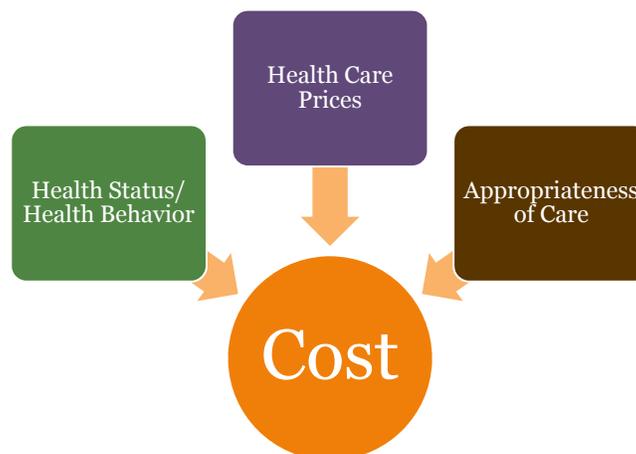
### Reform Goals

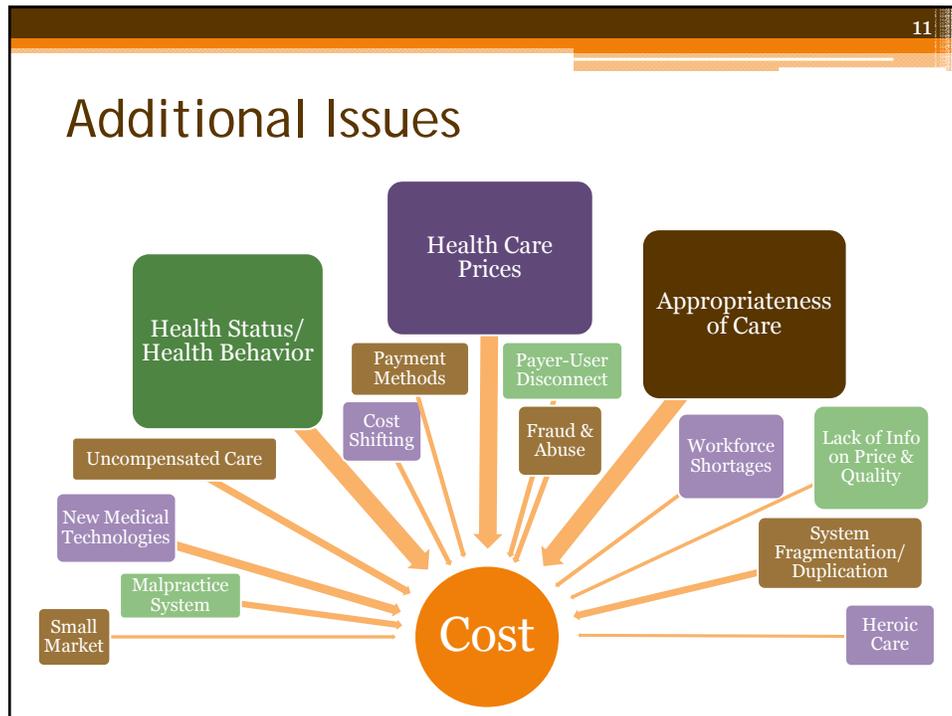
- I. Increased Access
- II. Controlled Costs
- III. Improved Quality
- IV. Prevention-Based

### Values

- Sustainability
- Efficiency
- Effectiveness
- Individual Choice
- Personal Engagement

## Overarching Issues Identified in 2009





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- ## Five 2009 Priorities
1. Consumer's Role in Health Care
  2. Statewide Leadership
  3. Health Care Workforce Development
  4. Health Information Technology
  5. Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries
- *The commission made a decision to take no position on state or federal legislation, but to develop their own policy recommendations*



## 2009 Recommendations

### 1. Strengthen Consumer's Role

- Support healthy lifestyles and create culture of wellness
- Develop patient-centered primary care model
  - Payment reform
  - Removal of statutory/regulatory barriers
  - Pilot projects

## 2009 Recommendations

### 2. Foster Statewide Leadership

- Invest in health policy infrastructure to respond to national reform
- Establish permanent state health planning board

## 2009 Recommendations

### 3. Develop Health Care Workforce

- Priority for health care reform and economic development agendas
- Strengthen the workforce “pipeline”
- Innovation and adaptation
- Coordinated planning
- Target physician development \$\$ to primary care
  - Loan repayment and financial incentives for R&R
  - WWAMI expansion as resources allow
  - GME for peds, psych, and primary care internal medicine

## 2009 Recommendations

### 4. Deploy Health Information Technology

- Support HIT adoption and utilization
- Ensure privacy and security
- Broadband telecom infrastructure access
- Reimbursement for telemedicine

## 2009 Recommendations

### 5. Improve Medicare Access

- Increase supply of primary care providers
  - Loan repayment & financial incentives for R&R
  - WWAMI expansion
  - GME for primary care internal medicine
  - Mid-level practitioners
- Support Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Request relief from federal reimbursement inequities and administrative burden
- Develop Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

## Transformation Elements

### I. Access to Care

- Health insurance coverage
- Health care workforce development
- Physical health care services
- Behavioral health and long term care

## Transformation Elements

### II. Cost & Quality (VALUE)

- Analyze cost of care in Alaska
- Foster primary care innovation
- Leverage state purchasing power
- Increase Transparency – Cost and Quality
- Move to value-driven purchasing
  - Evidence-based medicine
  - Pay-for-performance
  - Bundled payment systems
  - Medical error and infections reporting and non-payment
- Control fraud & abuse
- Reform malpractice system
- Support process and quality improvement

## Transformation Elements

### III. Prevention

- Public health and community-based prevention
- Safe water and sanitation systems
- Employee health risk management

## Next Steps

### Meeting & Report Production Timeline

#### **CY 2010**

- 10/14-10/15 F2F Meeting: Intro, Update & Next Steps
- 11/16-11/17 F2F Meeting: Draft 2010 Findings & Rec.s
- 12/10-12/27 *Public Comment Period*
- 1/7/2011 F2F Meeting: Finalize & Approve Report

#### **CY 2011**

- Feb or Mar F2F Meeting: Learning & Planning Session
- May or June F2F Meeting: Learning & Planning Session
- Aug or Sept F2F Meeting: Draft 2011 Findings & Rec.s
- midOct–midNov *Public Comment Period*
- midDec F2F Meeting: Finalize & Approve Report

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## Commission's 2010 Work Plan

- Analyze cost of health care in Alaska
- Analyze impact of federal health care law
- Track implementation of 2009 recommendations
- Implement 2009 rec.s requiring Commission action
- Prioritize, analyze and develop recommendations on additional strategies
- Implement public communication plan
- Develop evaluation plan

## Setting the Course for the Continuing Journey

### *Tomorrow's Discussion Questions:*

- 1a) What are the gaps in knowledge about Alaska's health care system?
- 1b) What are the highest priority health care system transformation strategies?
- 1c) What indicators will best measure progress of Alaska's health care system toward the vision?
- 2) What are the commission's consulting needs based on these questions?