

**Alaska Health Care Commission
Statutory Charge
Purpose and Duties Set Forth in AS 18.09.010 and .070**

Purpose:

The purpose of the commission is to provide recommendations for and foster the development of a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility, and availability of health care for all citizens of the state.

Duties:

- (a) The commission shall serve as the state health planning and coordinating body. Consistent with state and federal law, the commission shall provide recommendations for and foster the development of a statewide health plan containing the following:
 - 1) A comprehensive statewide health care policy;
 - 2) A strategy for improving the health of all residents of the state that
 - A) Encourages personal responsibility for disease prevention, healthy living, and acquisition of health insurance;
 - B) Reduces health care costs by using savings from
 - i. Enhanced market forces;
 - ii. Fraud reduction;
 - iii. Health information technology
 - iv. Management efficiency;
 - v. Preventative medicine;
 - vi. Successful innovations identified by other states; and,
 - vii. Other cost-saving measures;
 - C) Eliminates known health risks, including unsafe water and wastewater systems;
 - D) Develops a sustainable health care workforce
 - E) Improves access to quality health care; and,
 - F) Increases the number of insurance options for health care services.
- (b) The commission may hold public hearings.
- (c) The commission shall submit to the governor and the legislature by January 15 of each year an annual report regarding the commission's recommendations and activities.