

Vision & Values of the Alaska Health Care Commission

Vision

The Alaska Health Care Commission envisions the future health care system for Alaska as one that:

- Produces improved **health** status,
- Provides **value** for Alaskans' health care dollar,
- Delivers consumer and provider **satisfaction**, and
- Is **sustainable**.

Health Care Reform Components

Four critical components of health care delivery require improvement in order to support attainment of the vision:

- I. **Access:** *Access to affordable health care coverage and to a viable and vital health care delivery system is improved.*
- II. **Cost:** *The cost of health care is controlled so that the medical inflation rate in Alaska is below the national rate.*
- III. **Quality:** *Alaskans can be assured that health care services they receive in Alaska meet the highest quality and safety standards.*
- IV. **Prevention:** *A focus on preventive services, both clinical preventive services for individuals and community prevention policies, will support improved health status and control costs by reducing the burden of preventable disease and injury.*

Values

Sustainability: A redesigned health care system for Alaska must be sustainable in terms of: 1) government, private sector, and individual ability to financially support implementation over the long term; and, 2) health care provider ability to deliver quality care while maintaining a sound business operation.

Efficiency: A redesigned health care system for Alaska will minimize waste in clinical care and administrative processes.

Effectiveness: A redesigned health care system for Alaska will support practices best known to produce the best outcomes.

Individual Choice: A redesigned health care system for Alaska will provide information and options for Alaskans in terms of health care coverage and service providers.

Personal Engagement: Alaskans are encouraged and empowered to exercise personal responsibility for healthy living and for obtaining health care.