

Rhode Island Business Group on Health

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2007 Legislative Agenda

The Rhode Island Business Group on Health is interested in proactively influencing and providing a business community voice in the shaping of Rhode Island healthcare policy, regulation, and legislation that promotes health care accessibility, affordability and quality. In 2007, RIBGH will continue to focus on the need to drive greater quality and efficiency in our health care system as a way to reduce costs and ultimately make insurance more accessible.

Priorities for 2007 will focus on:

Health Care Transparency: RIBGH supports greater health care transparency; including proposals to establish a statewide health information network and the ability for access to electronic medical records, which can improve patient outcomes and coordination of care and reduce duplication and inefficiencies in the system, all of which can significantly reduce health care costs for both purchasers and consumers.

Health Care Technology: RIBGH supports policies that promote both public and private investments in the resources, standards, and technology needed to create an effective information network.

Mandated Health Benefits: RIBGH opposes additional mandated benefits and will seek to ensure that a moratorium on any new mandated benefits is established by the General Assembly.

Universal Health Care: RIBGH will proactively develop a position on universal health care and provide the business perspective on any proposed universal health care proposal.

Coordinated Health Care Planning: RIBGH supports coordinated health care planning to address the problem of the uninsured in Rhode Island and improve health care quality, which requires the careful coordination of all stakeholders and a model that has built-in incentives to balance both quality and cost efficiencies.

Coalition Efforts: RIBGH supports the formation of a broader coalition of business and association groups in RI to have more impact on health care reform.