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Outline of the Governor's Health Care Reform Plan

Goals and Principles

- Ø Universal access to affordable health insurance for all Vermonters.
- Ø Improve quality and contain costs through health care system reform.
- Ø Promote healthy behavior & disease prevention across the lifespan.
- Ø Reduce demand for health care expenditures through improved health outcomes.
- Ø Personal responsibility and consumer choice.
- Ø Competitive private health insurance and efficient public programs.
- Ø Health care reform must be consistent with economic growth and prosperity.

I. Universal Access to Affordable Health Insurance for All Vermonters

1. Toll-free Health Insurance Assistance and Referral
2. Medicaid Access Initiatives
 - o Outreach and enrollment.
 - o Medicaid provider reimbursement.
3. The Premium Assistance Program
4. The Basic Insurance Policy
5. Insurance Re-Importation Option

II. Improving Quality and Containing Costs through Health Care System Reform

1. The Vermont Blueprint for Health: the Chronic Care Initiative
2. The VITL Health Information Technology project
3. Multi-Payer Data Collection
4. Common Claims Administration
5. Consumer Price and Quality Information
6. Advanced Directives
7. Defensive Medicine Initiatives and Tort Reform

III. Promoting Healthy Behavior and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

1. Fit and Healthy Kids
2. Healthy Aging
3. Health Choices Insurance Incentives

IV. Outcomes from the Governor's Health Care Reform Plan

- o Universal access to health insurance for all Vermonters, with a comprehensive, seamless coverage system for low and moderate income uninsured Vermonters.
- o Health insurance premium rate increases will be reduced for all Vermonters, because:
 - § The Plan will reduce the Medicaid Cost Shift.
 - § The Plan will reduce the Uncompensated Care Cost Shift.
 - § The Plan pursues the importation of lower cost health insurance options.
- o Improved quality and cost containment through long-term system improvements.
- o Healthier population through promotion of healthy behavior and disease prevention.