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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.