



Michigan Association of Health Plans

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MAHP welcomes Gov. Granholm's federal health care implementation process

The Michigan Association of Health Plans today endorsed Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to develop a multi-department coordinating council to implement the federal health care reform legislation that was signed into law by President Barak Obama.

"We welcome the strategy of Gov. Granholm and will work closely with her Health Insurance Reform Coordinating Council as it seeks to bring together those with a interest in implementing the federal reforms in a way that will maximize access to affordable care while minimizing costs and undue conflicts with state policies," said Rick Murdock, executive director of MAHP.

"Addressing something as complex as health care inevitably means issues that cut across various departments. We applaud the governor for bringing together directors of key departments such as community health and human services with those who have responsibility for information technology and regulation of health plans," said Murdock.

MAHP has been a leading voice in the effort to expand affordable health care choices to the largest number of Michigan citizens. "Properly implemented, we believe that the federal health care reforms are the best opportunity to ensure that as many Michigan families as possible have access to high quality health care they can afford," Murdock said. "But it will be critical for state officials to move carefully and in a coordinated fashion to avoid – or at least limit – potential problems."

The Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) is an industry voice for Michigan's health care plans. MAHP facilitates communication among members, government, and the industry regarding health care issues of common concern. The mission of the Michigan Association of Health Plans is to provide leadership for the promotion and advocacy of high quality, affordable, accessible health care for the citizens of Michigan.