North Carolina Health Care Affordability Commission

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Today's agenda

10:00	**Introduction and welcome**	Treasurer Briner, Secretary Sangvai
10:10	**Ethics Compliance**	South Moore
10:15	**Setting Commission objectives, today and beyond**	Secretary Sangvai, Treasurer Briner
10:30	**Presentation and Discussion of Initiatives: Expanding Primary Care and Current Value-Based Programs**	Professor Richman
11:30	**Break**	
11:45	**Presentation and Discussion Initiatives: Supporting Independent Providers; Mobilizing the Workforce**	Professor Richman
12:45	**Wrap-up + Reflections**	Treasurer Briner, Secretary Sangvai

Our mission:
To reduce the share of household income that North Carolinians spend on health care while improving quality, access, and health outcomes

Goal 1: Expand access to preventive and high-value care, including through accelerating models that pay for outcomes

Goal 2: Promote competition in the delivery of health care services

Goal 3: Enhance foundational data and transparency to improve decision making and access to affordable care

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Invest in Primary Care and Accelerate Transition to Value-Based Payments

Support Independent Practices Delivering High-Value Care

Stabilize Workforce Supply and Mobilize Workforce for High-Value Care

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Invest in Primary Care and Accelerate Transition to Value-Based Payments

- Coordinating and expanding current efforts by STP, Medicaid, and BCBS
- Annual setting of primary care spending targets
- Advancing value-based payments through multi-payer capitated payment models
- Expanding on whole person health by building on programs such as the Rural Health Transformation Program, North Carolina's Advanced Medical Home model, Collaborative Care Model, and Healthy Opportunities Pilots
- Encouraging adoption of payment incentives in the State Health Plan's Preferred Providers program

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Support Independent Practices Delivering High-Value Care

- Implementing site-neutral payment policies
- Accelerating Electronic Health Record ("EHR") standardization and interoperability
- Standardizing payer-provider payment contracts
- Prior authorization reform through "Gold Carding," standardizing prior authorization request forms and criteria, or automating approvals with retrospective review
- Expanding access to capital for independent health care providers and independent practices, especially in underserved areas

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Stabilize Workforce Supply and Mobilize Workforce for High-Value Care

- Removing or reducing requirements for collaborative practice agreements for APRNs
- Granting full practice authority to NPs
- Reducing licensure requirements for APRNs providing primary care
- Reducing licensure requirements in counties with healthcare provider shortages

What comes next

Continued engagement with commissioners ahead of meeting 3

Additional work to scope initiatives across goal areas

Stakeholder survey and community listening sessions to gather input

Appendix

Preliminary Initiative Feedback + Prioritization

Name:

Initiative	Top priority	Medium priority	Low priority	Feedback
Set annual primary care spending targets				
Advance value-based payments through multi payer capitated payment models				
Expand on whole person health by building on existing programs (RHTP, HOP, etc.)				
Encourage adoption of payment incentives in SHP's Preferred Provider Program				
Implement site-neutral payment policies				
Accelerate EHR standardization and interoperability				
Standardize payer-provider contracts				
Reform prior authorization through "gold carding"				
Expand access to capital for independent providers and practices				
Reduce supervision requirements and collaborative practice agreement requirements for APRNs				
Expand prescribing and treatment practice authority for NPs				