

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 141**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 20, 2011

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 141.

This concurrent resolution establishes the “Legislative Task Force on Health Care Reform Implementation.”

The resolution provides specifically as follows:

- The purpose of the task force is to develop recommendations for the implementation of health care reform in New Jersey: in accordance with the provisions of Pub.L.111-148, as amended by Pub.L.111-152, and the federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto; in coordination with the relevant executive branch agencies of State government; and in consultation with the major stakeholders in the Statewide health care system, including health care providers, third party payers, and health care consumers.
- The task force is directed to:
  - analyze the effect of the provisions of Pub.L.111-148, as amended by Pub.L.111-152, and applicable federal regulations on New Jersey;
  - analyze and determine the decisions that are required to be made in order to effectuate the purposes of statutory and regulatory provisions relating to federal health care reform;
  - develop recommendations for a strategic plan and timetable for the implementation of federal health care reform in New Jersey and to ensure that this State benefits to the maximum extent practicable from the provisions of federal law and regulations; and
  - make such recommendations as will best ensure a coordinated effort among the relevant State agencies, health care providers, and third party payers to implement federal health care reform in New Jersey.
- The task force is to be comprised of 13 members as follows:
  - the chairpersons of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, the Senate Commerce Committee, the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee, and the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, as ex officio members, or their designees;

-- a member of the Senate, to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and a member of the General Assembly, to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly;

-- the Director of the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy as an ex officio member;

-- two members of the general public with demonstrated expertise in the work of the task force, one each to be appointed upon the recommendation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly; and

-- at the joint invitation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, and subject to the availability of these invitees to serve as members of the task force, the following as ex officio members: the Commissioners of Banking and Insurance, Health and Senior Services, Human Services, and Children and Families, or their designees.

- The task force is to establish the following advisory committees and for each will appoint those persons whom the task force determines to be suitable to serve as members of the committee and who are recommended for that purpose by the relevant stakeholders in the Statewide health care system:
  - a health care professionals committee;
  - a health care facilities operations and staffing committee;
  - a health care consumer advocacy committee; and
  - a health care payers committee.
- The members of the various advisory committees are to serve as special advisors to the task force and, in that capacity, will hold committee meetings under the direction of a chairperson selected by the members of each committee, to make recommendations to the task force. The chairperson of each advisory committee may attend meetings and hearings of the task force and participate in the discussion of matters being considered by the members of the task force but will not vote on such matters.
- The task force is to organize as soon as practicable following the appointment of its members and to select two co-chairpersons from among its members and a secretary who need not be a member of the task force.
- The task force is to meet or hold hearings at any place or places as it may designate during the sessions or recesses of the Legislature, and will meet at least quarterly.
- The task force is further directed to consult with representatives from the major stakeholders in the Statewide health care system, including health care providers, third party payers, and health care consumers, as it determines necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.
- The task force is to:
  - provide the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly with quarterly updates of its activities, findings,

conclusions, and recommendations for legislation or administrative action; and

-- issue a final report of its activities, findings, conclusions, and recommendations for legislation or administrative action to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly within one year after the organization of the task force, but no later than 60 days before the close of the legislative session in which this resolution is adopted.