

Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner

Special Legislative Commission to study the feasibility of enacting legislation to empower primary care providers to jointly negotiate with insurers

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2007

“The purpose of the Commission shall be to develop recommendations for strengthening the role of the state’s primary care providers within the health system, including, legislative recommendations regarding the creation of a state- authorized and state-monitored mechanism allowing primary care providers to jointly negotiate health care provider and participation agreements with health insurers.”

1. Attendance:

Present: Stephen D’Amato M.D., Maureen G. Glynn, David Ashley M.D., Ana Novias.

OHIC Staff: Patricia Huschle

2. Introductions/Minutes approved

Pat Huschle welcomed the group. The members of the commission approved the minutes from the 12/7 meeting, with the correction of the spelling of Ana Novais’ name.

3. Discussion of the draft PCP commission report

The members of the Commission each reacted to the draft report Pat Huschle had distributed prior to the meeting, outlining the committees' decision on state action exemption and alternative recommendations for strengthening primary care in the state. Changes were made clarifying some of the language. Members indicated that they will forward additional comments.

4. Public Comment

The public was invited to make comment.

5. Next steps

Commission members are to send Pat Huschle final revisions to draft report as soon as possible in order to finalize the report prior to year-end. Once all changes have been made and the report is approved by the commission members, the work of the commission is completed and no further meetings are scheduled.