


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject:		Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda		Number:		2003-1	
Date:		January 21, 2003		By Direction of:		 Edward G. Rendell, Governor	

- WHEREAS, the citizens of the Commonwealth are entitled to an accessible and affordable health care system of the highest quality; and
- WHEREAS, the Commonwealth agencies responsible for administering and delivering health care services have over time been delegated overlapping responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS, due to redundant responsibilities, the current health care system is subject to unnecessary duplication, inefficiency, and added costs; and
- WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth to determine how best to reform Pennsylvania's health care system and to develop sound fiscal policy so as to resolve the concerns of the Commonwealth's patients, health care providers, and insurance carriers; and
- WHEREAS, the establishment of an Office of Health Care Reform and the establishment of the Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet will coordinate and implement the Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby establish the **Office of Health Care Reform** and the **Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet**. By doing so, I invest it with the necessary powers to perform the duties and functions set forth herein and to advise and counsel me in the development and operation of the **Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda**.

1. Office of Health Care Reform. The Office of Health Care Reform shall be managed by the Director of the Office of Health Care Reform (hereafter referred to as "Director"), who shall serve at the pleasure of, and report directly to, the Governor. The Director, in consultation with the Office of Administration, shall determine the appropriate staffing levels and associated classifications necessary to support the operation of the Office of Health Care Reform.

a. Responsibilities. The purpose of the Office of Health Care Reform is to coordinate the Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda. In coordinating the Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda, the Office of Health Care Reform shall:

- (1) facilitate the analysis of administrative, fiscal, and regulatory policies and practices;
- (2) oversee the redesign of operations and infrastructure; and
- (3) direct the creation and maintenance of a system to assure the accountability of designated agencies for their assigned powers, duties, and responsibilities.

b. Authority. The Office of Health Care Reform shall, at the direction of the Governor, direct the restructuring of the Commonwealth's health care system and the implementation of its Health Care Reform Agenda.

c. Reporting. The Office of Health Care Reform shall not have line responsibility for day-to-day operations of the departments, agencies, commissions, and offices with a health care purview or regulatory function. Certain relevant policy and process experts from throughout the government shall be designated "on-loan" or detailed to report to the Director of the Office of Health Care Reform to aid its mission. In addition, members of the Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet shall report to the Office of Health Care Reform for any and all accountabilities related to the Commonwealth's Health Care Reform Agenda.

d. Health Care Reform Advisory Council. The Office of Health Care Reform shall establish a Health Care Reform Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as "Advisory Council"), consisting of stakeholder experts recommended by the Director and appointed by the Governor. The Advisory Council shall advise the Director and the Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet on matters relating to health care. The Director shall chair the Advisory Council.

(1) **Terms.** All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(2) **Compensation.** Members of the Advisory Council shall serve without compensation for their services except that such members may be reimbursed the necessary and actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Advisory Council and in the performance of their duties in accordance with established Commonwealth policy.

2. Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet.

a. Responsibilities. The Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet shall advise the Director and the Governor on matters related to health care reform and shall direct government resources in the implementation of the Health Care Reform Agenda. The Director shall chair the Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet.

b. Composition. The Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet shall consist of the following officials and individuals:

- (1) Director of the Office of Health Care Reform.
- (2) Secretary of Aging.
- (3) Adjutant General.
- (4) Secretary of Health.
- (5) Commissioner of Insurance.
- (6) Secretary of Public Welfare.
- (7) Director of the Governor's Policy Office.
- (8) Additional members as may be recommended by the Director and appointed by the Governor.

3. Relationship with Other Agencies. All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance and support to the Office of Health Care Reform and the Governor's Health Care Reform Cabinet. The Office of Health Care Reform shall also be directed and appointed by the Governor to participate in certain other commissions, panels, cabinets, and initiatives.

4. Effective Date. This *Executive Order* shall take effect immediately.

5. Termination Date. This *Executive Order* shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the Governor.