

## Agenda

# Small Group Consultation: What are Connectors and how do they work?

June 19th, 2007  
Hilton Austin  
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### *Monday, June 18th, 2007*

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.      **Reception**

### *Tuesday, June 19th, 2007*

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.      **Introduction and Conference Goals**

Enrique Martinez-Vidal  
Acting Director, State Coverage Initiatives  
AcademyHealth

8:45– 10:00 a.m.      **Connectors: What are they and what aren't they?**

*This session will introduce the idea of Connectors. What do you need to think about in designing Connectors and what problems are you trying to solve? Why did Massachusetts include a Connector in the health reform plan and what is the functionality envisioned for the Connector?*

Amy Lischko  
Former Commissioner, Health Care Finance and Policy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

10:00– 10:15 a.m.      **Break**

10:15 – 12:30 p.m.

## **Connectors, Exchanges, and Employee Choice Pools**

*Connectors can be designed in many different ways depending on the goal of state policy makers. This session will highlight three models: (a) The District of Columbia Equal Access Act; (b) The Massachusetts Connector; and (c) The Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA) Health Connections pool.*

Ed Haislmaier  
Research Fellow  
The Heritage Foundation

Robert Carey  
Director of Planning and Development  
Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority

Ken Comeau  
Vice President  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

## **Lunch**

1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

## **Digging Deeper: Connectors, Federal Law, and Moving Forward**

*This session will be a discussion among states and the panelists on operational challenges, implementation, and how to adapt Connector structures to fit each state's specific insurance market conditions and policy goals.*

Amy Lischko  
Former Commissioner, Health Care Finance and Policy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

3:00 p.m.

## **Adjourn**