

# State Approaches to Health Benefit Exchange Legislation

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# Exchange Legislation Landscape

- States need authorizing language to set up Health Benefit Exchanges
- Multiple contentious issues:
  - Whether or not to have an Exchange?
  - Governance (most are going with quasi-governmental)
  - Who serves on the Board?
  - Advisory councils and other public input?
  - Conflict of interest provisions
  - Procurement, hiring, compensation, meeting rules



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- States are also working to get input and buy-in from the public and multiple stakeholders
  - Committees, working groups, public hearings
- Health reform leadership and management:
  - Coordinating councils
  - Designated staff
  - Need to transfer decision-making to a new entity once Exchange is created



# SCI Exchange Resources

- [“Health Insurance Exchanges: Key Issues for State Implementation”](#)
- [“Health Benefit Exchanges: An Implementation Timeline for State Policy Makers”](#)
- [“Health Insurance Exchanges - How Economic and Financial Modeling Can Support State Implementation”](#)
- [State Approaches to Health Benefit Exchange Legislation](#) (an SCI webinar)
- [“Community-Based, Nonprofit Medicaid Plans and the New Health Insurance Exchanges: Opportunities and Challenges”](#)



# SCI Health Reform Resources

- [State Health Reform Website](#)
- [“State Implementation of National Health Reform: Harnessing Federal Resources to Meet State Policy Goals”](#)
- [2011 State of the States: Laying the Foundation for Health Reform](#)
- [“Health Reform Across the States: Increased Insurance Coverage and Federal Spending on the Exchanges and Medicaid”](#)
- [“The Basic Health Program Option under Federal Health Reform: Issues for Consumers and States”](#)



# Other Resources

- [www.staterereform.org](http://www.staterereform.org)
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) [model legislation](#)
- National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI) [“Designing an Exchange: A Toolkit for State Policymakers”](#)
  - Related [webinar](#):
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) [State Legislative Tracking Database](#)

