State Approaches to Health Benefit Exchange Legislation

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  – Provides unbiased **information**
  – Offers responsive **policy and technical assistance**

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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
Exchange Legislation Landscape

→ 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”
→ 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.statereforum.org

→ National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model legislation

  – Related webinar:

→ National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) State Legislative Tracking Database