

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF IDAHO BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2009-17

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTH POLICY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Idaho Health Care Summit (Summit) was convened in August 2007 to identify and address the State's most pressing health care issues; and

WHEREAS, the Summit identified many health care issues facing Idahoans today and recommendations for addressing these issues; and

WHEREAS, one of the issues identified by the Summit was the need to build Idaho's health care workforce, especially as the need for physicians, nurses and other skilled professionals increases across the State; and

WHEREAS, the Summit also identified prevention and early intervention as important aspects of the continuum of care that cannot be overlooked; and

WHEREAS, the Summit confirmed the need for affordable, comprehensive insurance coverage in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the Summit recognized the important role that personal responsibility plays in health care today, including, but not limited to, individuals making healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, the Governor established the Select Committee on Health Care under Executive Order 2007-13 to review and evaluate the recommendations of the Summit; and

WHEREAS, the Select Committee has four priorities to improve access, quality and efficiency of care and consequently reduce the costs of health care in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the State has a vested interest in implementing workable, realistic solutions to health care issues, including the four priorities identified by the Select Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby:

- 1. Create the Governor's Health Policy Implementation Committee (Committee);*
- 2. The Committee shall not exceed seven (7) members including the chair;*
- 3. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor;*
- 4. The chair of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor;*
- 5. The Committee shall provide leadership and accountability in the implementation of these policy initiatives:*
 - a. Improving voluntary enrollment of children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP;*
 - b. Expanding medical residency opportunities in Idaho;*
 - c. Developing a patient-centered medical home model that can be replicated across the state; and*
 - d. Improving health quality through the development of health information technology and exchange.*

6. *The Committee shall report its progress to the Governor quarterly; and*
7. *Committee members will serve without compensation.*

This Executive Order shall cease to be effective December 31, 2011.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho in Boise on this 15th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twentieth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE