

Roadmap of Future Meetings: Revised Schedule and Topics

Process Note:

- The Chair will facilitate discussion for each meeting and encourage active engagement among all members of the Commission.
- On a regular basis, Commissioners and invited speakers will present or lead discussion segments based on their particular areas of expertise.
- Following each meeting, meeting summaries that include key takeaways will be developed and shared with Commissioners. At each subsequent meeting, the summary from the previous meeting will be approved to ensure insights were adequately captured. The meeting summaries will be included in the final Commission report.
- Commissioners may be surveyed prior to each meeting to inform planning for subsequent meetings.
- CHHS will develop the outline and structure for the final report and produce its content. Later in the fall, Commissioners will be made aware of the process for providing feedback on the draft report and have opportunity to review and provide comments.

Commission Meeting: June 25, 2021 (1-5 pm)

- **Roadmap for Future Meetings:** The Chair will present 1) a revised plan for remaining meetings that reflects Commissioner survey input on cadence and topics and 2) the plan for developing and reviewing the final Commission report and related products.
- **Direct Payment Models:** Under one approach, all payments are made from a unified financing authority to health care providers. Professor Hsiao will give a presentation focused on the following:
 - What are the major features of direct pay unified financing approaches, such as Taiwan's, and how do they differ at a high level from models such as those in Germany and Netherlands that include a role for intermediaries (a topic of discussion for the July meeting)?
 - How well would the direct pay approach achieve the goals of unified financing? What are its strengths and potential limitations?
 - If not already identified on the meeting schedule, which major features discussed today should the Commission focus on for future meetings?

Commission Meeting: July 8, 2021 (1-4 pm)

- **Use of Intermediaries:** Under a second approach, health plans or health systems would act as risk-bearing intermediaries for purposes that include accountability and the integration and coordination of care. Several Commissioners will offer perspectives on the following questions:
 - What are the major features or roles played by health plans or health systems that act as intermediaries?
 - How well would the use of intermediaries achieve the goals of unified financing? What are the trade-offs between the use of intermediaries and the direct pay model discussed in June?

- **Methods and Assumptions:** The Commission will also receive the consulting team's written description of the methods and assumptions underlying the estimates of the effects of Unified Financing presented in May, on which written comments from Commissioners and member of the public will be invited.

Commission Meeting: August 25, 2021 (10- 2 pm)

- **Systems of Accountability: Solving for Barriers to Access, Quality and Equity**
 - Having heard about the two unified financing approaches that involve direct payment and the use of intermediaries in June and July, what are incentives and specific levers to ensure the health care system is accountable for cost containment, improved quality, reducing disparities, prevention, population health management, eliminating systemic racism, achieving health equity, delivering superior consumer service and patient protections, and mitigating untoward profit motives? What systems of accountability might guide a new inclusive vision for California's health system?
 - How would care and services not well-integrated within the current system (e.g., long term care, behavioral health, public health, social determinants of health) be arranged in order to assure high quality, accessible, equitable outcomes? Are some of these outside the scope of a unified financing health care system?
 - How would structural issues related to healthy equity and access, including ensuring the supply of trained healthcare workers are distributed geographically, as well as construction and financing of health care facilities, be addressed? Would any resource allocation decisions be delegated from the statewide Unified Financing authority to regional sub-authorities?
- **Community Engagement:** The Commission will receive a community engagement update, including announcement of an upcoming public webinar to which Commissioners will be invited to hear findings from the parallel Foundation-supported community listening process.

Commission Meeting: September 23, 2021 (1-4 pm)

- **Provider Payments**
 - How would payment rates and payment methods for physicians, hospitals, and other health care providers be determined?
 - If global budgets are envisioned for hospitals and other institutional providers, what would those institutions be required to do to receive their budget? Would the budgets vary as volume varies, or would they be fixed regardless of volume?
 - Would enhanced funding for safety net providers or programs (e.g., Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital spending, federal support for Federally Qualified Health Centers, California Proposition 56 funding to support enhanced Medi-Cal provider payment rates) be retained, adjusted or eliminated?
 - What are outside the box approaches that go beyond innovative uses of fee for service, capitation and value based purchasing models? How might social determinants of health be factored into our payment policy?

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- How can payment be used to allocate and distribute resources and address existing inequities in the system?
- How do we control costs and develop fair provider payment systems?

Commission Meeting: October 11, 2021 (8:30- 12 pm)

- **Financing and Federal Engagement**
 - What waivers to or changes in federal law, and what changes in the state constitution, would be required to allow unified financing to be implemented in California?
 - How can federal funding for health care and coverage be reinvested to support a unified financing system?
 - How could sustainable financing for unified financing be assured?
- **Process for Final Report:** Commission approves timeline and process for reviewing and providing comments on the draft report.

Commission Meeting: November TBD (3-4 hours)

- **Ensuring a Smooth Transition**
 - What transition issues would arise within a unified financing system?
 - How should consumers be protected from disruption and uncertainty?
 - How quickly should differences among existing coverage programs be eliminated? Should a staggered approach be taken to cover certain populations first rather than everyone at the same time?
 - To what extent should specific protections or services for sub-populations with particular needs be retained (e.g., consumers already covered by statutory benefits such as Medicare, Medi-Cal, California Children's Services)?
 - How should steps toward unified financing be informed by input from the community engagement process?
- Draft report on "Design Considerations for Unified Financing" shared prior to December meeting.

Commission Meeting: December/January TBD

Commissioners discuss the draft report on Design Considerations for Unified Financing and provide comments and suggestions for improvement. Commissioners discuss the best opportunities for California's to make progress toward a system of unified financing.

Final Commission Meeting: January/February TBD

Commission reflects on process, considers final report for transmission to Governor and Legislature and concludes its work.