

## About the Commission

The Alaska Health Care Commission was established by Governor Palin on December 4, 2008 under Administrative Order #246. The Commission will serve as the state health planning and coordinating body, providing recommendations to the governor and the legislature on a comprehensive statewide health care policy and on strategies for improving the health of Alaskans.

Creation of the Alaska Health Care Commission follows from the work of the Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council. The Council was convened by the Governor in 2007 to develop a set of strategies for improving access to health care in Alaska. One of the Council's seven recommended goals was to develop the leadership necessary to support a comprehensive statewide health care policy through creation of an on-going commission.

The Alaska Health Care Commission consists of 10 members. Membership requirements are specified in the Administrative Order, and include the state's chief medical officer (who also serves as chairperson of the commission), an Alaska health care provider and an Alaska health care consumer, and one representative each from the Alaska tribal health system, the Alaska health insurance industry, the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, and the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association. Three nonvoting members are representatives from the state Senate, House of Representatives, and executive branch. Governor Palin announced the appointment of the members to the commission on January 27, 2009.

The commission's first year of study and planning will culminate in a report to the governor and the legislature due January 15, 2010. This web site will be updated regularly with information on the meetings and work of the commission.

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