

Governor's Health Reform Commission

Public Hearing Notice ~ Richmond, VA

In July of 2006, Governor Timothy M. Kaine created the Health Reform Commission, with the purpose of examining various ways in which Virginia can improve its health care system. Findings from the Commission's work are to be released in a full report due to the Governor by September of 2007. The Commission is composed of 33 members, including state legislators, patient and consumer advocates, health care leaders and citizens of Virginia.

The Health Reform Commission has 4 key areas of focus:

- ★ **Access to care** (*lack of insurance*)
- ★ **Quality, transparency, and prevention** (*quality of care, consumer awareness of cost, and healthy lifestyles resulting in fewer medical problems*)
- ★ **Improving the health care workforce** (*increasing the education and number of health care professionals*)
- ★ **Long term care** (*strengthening our system of caring for the aging and persons with disabilities*)

Let your voices be heard by sharing comments at a public hearing:

Thursday, May 24th, 2007

General Assembly Building

House Room C

Corner of North 9th St. and East Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Registration to begin at 5:30pm

Public Comment from 6:00 – 8:00pm

****PLEASE NOTE COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES per SPEAKER***

****This hearing will follow a meeting of the full Commission from 1:00 – 5:00pm. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Marilyn B. Tavenner, will be in attendance to hear all public comments.***

Commission members, local legislators and local government officials will also be invited to attend. All comments will be submitted to and reviewed by the Health Reform Commission.

For further information on the Health Reform Commission, please visit the website at www.hhr.virginia.gov/initiatives or call the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources at (804) 786-7765.

If you are unable to attend the hearing and would like to submit written comments, please do so via the website mentioned above, or you may send comments to the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, 1111 East Broad Street, 4th floor, Richmond, VA 23219. (Please include the words Health Reform Commission in the subject line.)