

Meeting Minutes
NCMS Legislative Cabinet
Conference Call
February 18, 2015
6:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order:

Dr. Reynolds called the *ad hoc* meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. He thanked members for their participation on short notice and outlined the purpose of the committee meeting: to address recent developments in Medicaid reform. He then recognized Steve Keene to provide an update.

II. Attendance:

John L. Reynolds, MD, chair; David O. Cook, MD; Philip Brown, MD; Robert Clark, MD; Conrad Flick, MD; Robert Monteiro, MD; Lyndon Jordan, MD; Docia Hickey, MD; Jeffrey Runge, MD; Devdutta Sangvai, MD; Kristi Woods, MD; Michael Zarzar, MD; John Mangum, MD; John Meier, MD

III. Medicaid Reform:

Since March, 2013 NCMS has been working to convince the state to continue carrying the underwriting risk associated with the Medicaid program. The state is unwilling to do so. Since the transfer of risk is a political goal rather than a genuine component of Medicaid reform, linking it to Medicaid reform fundamentally changes and complicates the debate. The two categories of entities willing to take on the financial risk for the Medicaid program at this time are the commercial MCOs and large hospital systems. The lobbying team needs authority to negotiate with these potential risk-bearing entities to ensure the NCMS priorities, as established in our RFI Response of March, 2013 can be put into effect to the greatest extent possible.

IV. Motion:

MOTION carried unanimously: To advance the NCMS Medicaid reform objectives expressed in the March, 2013 NCMS response to Governor McCrory's Request For Information, Division of Medical Assistance 100-13, the NCMS staff and lobbying team are authorized to work with commercial health plans, hospital systems and other entities that may take over the underwriting risk associated with the state's Medicaid program.

V. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen W. Keene