

COMMISSION GUIDELINES

During Medicaid Commission deliberations, the following two principles shall guide discussion on Medicaid program reform:

- a) Changes to the program should further the commitment to providing the highest quality care to beneficiaries, and
- b) Consideration of any reform concept should acknowledge the fiscal constraints of state and Federal budgets and should contribute towards ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the program.

The Commission shall develop proposals that address the following long-term issues, as outlined in the Charter:

- Eligibility, benefits design and delivery;
- Expanding the number of people covered with quality care while recognizing budget constraints;
- Long term care;
- Quality of care, choice, and beneficiary satisfaction;
- Program administration; and
- Other topics that the Secretary may submit to the Commission.

The Commission is tasked with making longer-term recommendations on the future of the Medicaid program that ensures the long-term sustainability of the program by December 31, 2006.