



About the OHPC

The Commission identifies and analyzes significant health care issues affecting the state and makes policy recommendations to the Governor, the Oregon State Legislature and the state Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR). Additionally, the Commission partners with health care experts and stakeholders around the state to develop projects focused on improving Oregonians' health status and access to effective and efficient health care services.

OHPC Mission

The OHPC seeks to develop and promote public policy to improve the health of all Oregonians by:

- ensuring access to essential health care and support services,
- improving health care quality and outcomes,
- controlling costs,
- encouraging healthy lifestyles.

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Coming Together

Road Map to Health Reform in Oregon

Join us **Thursday, December 14 from 1:00–4:30 p.m.** at the Wilsonville Training Center, 29353 Town Center Loop E, Wilsonville as we review the report draft slated for public comment in January. The Commission has dedicated the last year to developing a strategic plan to create a high-value, affordable health system in Oregon.

Cooperation and Common Data

Never before have so many people and organizations been so actively dedicated to reforming our health care system. With the help of the Northwest Health Foundation, the OHPC and the Office for Oregon Health Policy & Research, many of these disparate groups have been meeting periodically with the goal of ensuring effective communication going into the legislative session. Additionally, work has been underway to develop a common data resource on health care spending in Oregon. These data will soon be made available for the public on our web site.

What's New

Childhood Obesity Study Report

Following the public comment period which ended on November 15, DHS and Commission staff are reviewing public comment and finalizing the report prior to its release at the beginning of the legislative session in January. The report was assembled by a multi-disciplinary team of local and national experts to lay out a comprehensive plan for combating childhood obesity in Oregon, including recommendations for action at all levels. The study is a meta-analysis chaired by Dr. Mel Kohn, State Epidemiologist with the Oregon Department of Human Services in partnership with the Oregon Health Policy Commission.

2nd Annual Web Release of Oregon Hospital Quality Indicators

The availability of health care quality measures becomes increasingly important as health care costs continue to rise and purchasers and consumers want to understand what they are getting for their health care dollar. The Office for Oregon Health Policy & Research has developed an online resource for the public to access some of this information; it released the new 2005 data on October 30.

The web site provides quality measures for selected health care procedures and conditions performed in hospitals statewide. These measures were developed in collaboration with a work group of hospital representatives and other interested stakeholders and are being made available with the intent of promoting health care and quality outcomes for all Oregonians. The project is part of an extensive evidence-based process under development nationally by the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality. Visit <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/HQ/>.

Meeting Calendar:

December 14
OHPC Meeting