

Information on Blue Ribbon Commission on Medicaid Reform

Purposeⁱ

- Review State's Medicaid program
- Make comprehensive recommendations for fundamental reform

Methodsⁱⁱ

- Identify ways to responsibly restrain the growth in Medicaid spending
- Identify best practices in public and private sectors for managing and administering health care
- Identify options for maximizing existing resources while controlling Medicaid program costs
- Analyze current services and appropriateness of services
- Identify opportunities for long-term, systemic change in the Medicaid program through the use of federal waivers and other management tools.
- Determine how to minimize the State and county share of Medicaid costs and maximize federal participation.
- Determine the role of Medicaid in the State's economy.

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- Recommended making permanent the current long-term care tax.
- Also looking at:
 - Improving management of prescription drugs
 - Improving disease management programs
 - Increasing flexibility from federal government in use of Medicaid money.

Final report due February 1, 2005.

ⁱ General Assembly of North Carolina; Session 2003; Session Law 2003-284; H.B. 397.

ⁱⁱ Id.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Updates From Rick*, April 22, 2004; Office of Representative Rick Glazier; <http://www.rickglazier.com/updates/042204.doc>.