

**2013 OHIP Work Group Quarterly Report**  
**3rd Quarter (January - March); SFY Ending June 30, 2013**



**Work Group Name: Access to Care**

**Work Group Goal: Increase Access to Health Care in Oklahoma through Implementation of State Coverage Initiative Plan Strategies**

<b>Result Objective</b>	<b>Target Completion Date</b>	<b>Actual Completion Date</b>	<b>Accountability (Lead Person(s) Responsible)</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<p>1. Assess impact of the implementation of healthcare reform, specifically, access to affordable health insurance through an online marketplace in Oklahoma. Assessment will include impact on Medicaid, Insurers, Brokers, Business and the impact of poor state health outcomes on insurance affordability/cost and limited availability of primary and specialty healthcare providers.</p>	<p>12/31/2011</p>		<p>Lead: Oklahoma Legislature</p>	<p>Measures:            1. Assessment completed– report released February 22, 2012</p>	<p>The Supreme Court issued a ruling on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on June 28, 2012. Each state is currently assessing the impact of implementation, specifically concerning affordable health insurance through an online marketplace. In November 2012, the Governor affirmed her commitment to the health of all Oklahomans by announcing the development of an Oklahoma Plan to reduce the number of uninsured, reduce and/or slow the cost of healthcare and ensure long-term financial sustainability, and improve population health outcomes in Oklahoma. In February 2013, an independent contractor was engaged and is currently analyzing data, interviewing key informants, convening stakeholders, and identifying viable solutions. The Oklahoma Plan is occurring in two major phases: (1) a comprehensive review of the current SoonerCare program and (2) the development of a demonstration proposal, including recommendations to better incorporate, integrate, and leverage public health, safety-net systems, commercial health plans, and clinical care to maximize efficiency, improve the delivery of healthcare, improve population health, and potentially lead to a transformation of the wider healthcare system. Final reports and recommendations are expected on June 30, 2013.</p>

<p>2. Assess the limited availability of primary care, in consideration of the expansion of health insurance coverage contemplated in the ACA; develop strategies and recommendations to provide greater access to care.</p>	<p>12/31/2012</p>		<p>Lead: OSDH</p>	<p>Measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Primary care availability assessment completed by 12/31/2011.</li> <li>2. Strategies and recommendations provided in 2012.</li> </ol>	<p>The OSDH is continuing to conduct analysis of the shortage of healthcare providers in Oklahoma. The Primary Care Advisory Taskforce (PCAT) continues to meet and work toward the development of written recommendations. The PCAT met on December 7, 2012 and continued to discuss a broader approach to access to care, including other barriers to care and community supports and partnerships. The proposed access to care framework was approved by the OHIP Team on October 3, 2012, with the direction that OSDH will continue to evolve the new model with OHIP workgroups. Within this broader approach, the OHIP workforce and OHIP children's access to primary care workgroups are collaborators within the new model. The final PCAT meeting has been scheduled for April 5, 2013 with the intent of developing final written recommendations and a possible framework for the OHIP Access to Care workgroup team. All written recommendations from PCAT will be delivered to OHIP Access to Care.</p>
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