

# *Vermont Health Care Reform*

## **SUMMARY**

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# Legislation

## ■ 2006 Legislation

- Health Care Affordability Acts (Acts 190, 191)
- Common Sense Initiatives (Appropriations Bill)
- Sorry Works! (Act 142)
- Safe Staffing and Quality Patient Care (Act 153)

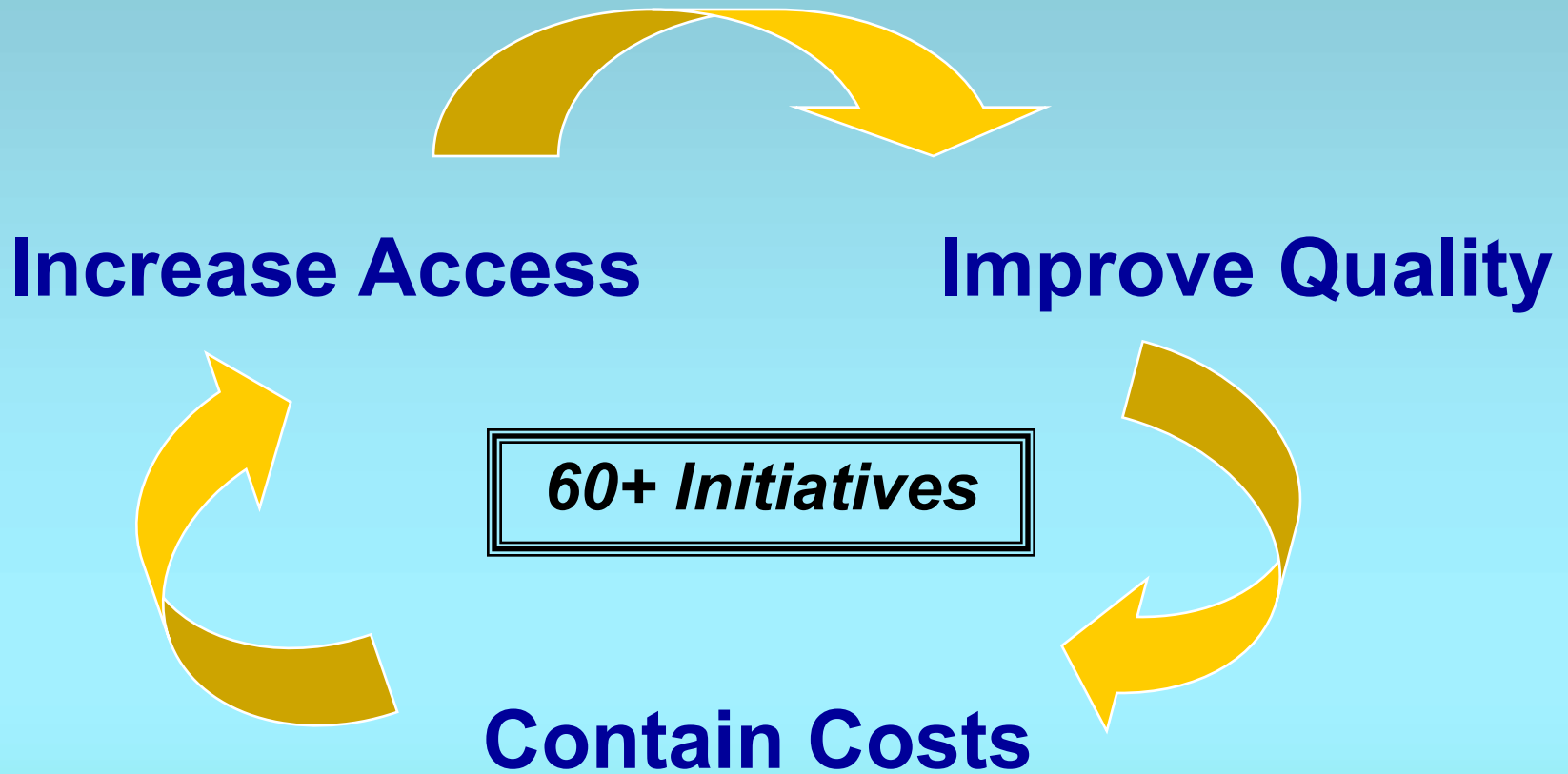
## ■ 2007 Legislation

- Corrections and Clarifications to the Health Care Affordability Acts of 2006 (Act 70)
- An Act relating to Ensuring Success in Health Care Reform (Act 71)

## ■ 2008 Legislation

- An Act Relating to Health Care Reform (H.887)
- An Act Relating to Managed Care Organizations and the Blueprint for Health (S.283)

# Health Care Reform Goals



# Goal: Increase Access to Affordable Health Care Coverage

## Enhance Private Insurance Coverage

- New Catamount Health Plans for the Uninsured
- Promotion of Employer-Sponsored Insurance
- Exploration of Private Insurance Market Reform
- Small Group Market 75% Rule Adjustment
- Healthy Lifestyles Insurance Discounts (premiums and cost-sharing)
- Local Health Care Coverage Planning Grant

## Assist with Affordability

- Catamount Premium Assistance
- ESI Premium Assistance
- Reduction in VHAP, Dr. Dynasaur Premiums
- Catamount Eligibility for High Deductible Individual Plans
- Catamount Pre-existing Condition Amnesty Period
- CMS 1115 Waiver Amendments

## Improve Outreach to Uninsured

- Bi-State Outreach & Enrollment Study (2006)
- Comprehensive Marketing, Outreach
  - Public Private Partnership
- New Enrollment Web-site
- 1-800 number
- Bi-state Enrollment Tracking / Outreach System
- Medicaid Eligibility IT System Re-design (MOVE)
- Public Benefits Eligibility Process Modernization Project
- VT Household Health Insurance Surveys (2005, 2008, 2009)

# Goal: Improve Quality of Care

## Promote Wellness

- Immunizations Programs and Registry
- Healthy Lifestyles Insurance Discounts
- Community Wellness & Healthy Living Plans
- Community Health & Wellness (CHAMPPS) Grants
- Healthy Community Environmental & Policy Strategies
- Healthy Worksite Best Practices Promotion
- Nutrition Guidelines for Schools
- Healthy Choices & Trans Fats Labeling in Restaurants
- Elimination of Artificial Trans Fats in Prepared Foods by 2011
- Healthy Weight thru Primary Care (Pilots & Best Practices)
- Blueprint for Health Prevention Activities
- Catamount Health Plans (no cost-sharing)

## Enhance Chronic Care Management

- Blueprint for Health Statewide Chronic Care Initiatives
- Blueprint Multi-payer Integrated Medical Home Pilot Programs
- OVHA Chronic Care Management / Care Coordination Programs
- State Employee Health Plan Alignment, Provider Satisfaction
- Catamount Health Plans (no cost-sharing)

# Goal: Improve Quality of Care, cont.

## Focus on Transparency / Quality Improvement

- Consumer Health Care Price & Quality System
- VT Hospital Patient Safety & Surveillance System
- Never Events Payment Reform
- Hospital-Acquired Infections Reporting
- Hospital Safe Staffing Reporting
- Advanced Directives
- Multi-payer Database (VCHURS)
- Academic Detailing Program

## Increase Provider Availability

- Loan Repayment Program
- Loan Forgiveness Program
- FQHC / VT Rural Health Alliance Funding
- Dental Dozen Initiative
- Tele-psychiatry Pilot
- Fair Standards for Provider Contracting with Insurers
- Restrictive Covenants Study
- Provider Reimbursement Surveys
- Nurse Authority Study

## Promote Health Information Technology

- VT Information Technology Leaders (VITL)
  - statewide RHIO & Health IT Plan
- Health IT Reinvestment Fund
- Electronic Medical Record Projects
- Blueprint Clinical Tracking Tool
- E-Prescribing Study
- Master Provider Index

# Goal: Contain Costs

**Increase Access to Coverage and Care**  
(Prevention, Appropriate Care, Less Uncompensated Care)

**Improve Quality of Health Care**  
(Prevention, Appropriate Care, Better Information)

## **Simplify Health Care Administration**

- Vermont Claims Administration Collaborative:  
Developing uniform standards for claims administration:
  - Claims Forms
  - Use of Payment Codes
  - Claims Submission & Processing Procedures (including electronic data interchange)
  - Prior Authorization Process
  - Member Identification cards
  - Patient invoices & explanation of benefits forms
- Uniform Provider Credentialing Form
- Workers Compensation Claims Process & Payment Study

## **Decrease Cost Shift**

- Increase Medicaid Provider Rates
- Cost Shift Task Force
- Standardized Policy for Hospital Uncompensated Care and Bad Debt
- Employer Health Care Contribution Fund

## **Change Provider Financial Incentives**

- Blueprint For Health Payment Reform
- Accountable Care Organization Study