

PSC & Health Reform

The passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) creates opportunities and challenges for all health care stakeholders. Effective analysis and planning will be crucial to stakeholders' ability to prepare for and respond to those opportunities and challenges. Michigan is facing the prospect of a new administration in January 2011, which will affect how reform is implemented in the state. Much of health reform will be carried out at the state and local levels. This means that organizations in the state—and the state itself—have a unique opportunity not only to respond to reform, but also to shape its implementation.

With its extensive experience and expertise in health policy, Public Sector Consultants can help guide your organization—or collaborations among stakeholders—in efforts to respond to and shape health reform. At PSC, we have an exceptional understanding of health reform, experience working with virtually every major health care stakeholder group, and the ability to apply a diverse set of tools to accomplish our clients' objectives.

Below are some examples of ways PSC can work with stakeholders as they prepare to take on the challenges and opportunities presented by the implementation of the ACA.

Dialogue Facilitation and Consensus Building

PSC can facilitate key planning discussions to:

- Help Michigan's departments and agencies obtain input from various stakeholders around the state
- Assist stakeholders in developing and proposing strategies for reform implementation in the state
- Engage stakeholders in dialogue that results in implementation options and recommendations

Analysis and Strategic Planning

For a wide variety of stakeholders, PSC can:

- Provide expert analysis of the legislation as it applies to specific stakeholder groups
- Prepare reports or white papers that describe the potential impact of reform and lay out options for meeting challenges and seizing opportunities
- Conduct strategic planning sessions to identify specific strategies for addressing and responding to federal reform



Member Education and Technical Assistance

PSC can work with major trade associations and other member-based organizations to:

- Conduct surveys, focus groups, or interviews to identify the specific information and technical assistance needs of members
- Develop strategies for disseminating information and providing technical assistance
- Design informational materials and conduct training/informational sessions for organization members

Health Care Workforce Planning

PSC can work with the state, health professional trade associations, and educational institutions to:

- Conduct workforce analysis, including surveys, research, and needs assessments
- Identify and assist with implementation of strategies to address workforce issues

Community Health/Needs Assessment

PSC can assist federally-qualified health centers (FQHCs), school-based health centers (SBHCs), health departments, and other community-based organizations to prepare for funding opportunities in

the ACA by conducting a thorough community health and needs assessment that can be used to support applications for funding.

Grant Application Assistance

PSC can assist organizations in preparing applications for federal ACA funding by:

- Facilitating dialogue among potential partners and community members to design a framework for potential projects
- Writing grant proposals, including assistance with designing the proposed project or program

Evaluation

PSC can help organizations that receive funding to implement programs through the ACA to develop appropriate evaluation models, and evaluate both program delivery and program results.

Report Preparation

PSC can work with nonprofit hospitals to compile the data and information necessary to meet the increased requirements for demonstrating community benefit. PSC can also work with the state and other organizations to meet reporting requirements for projects funded through the ACA.

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