

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 88-10**

### **ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTH POLICY GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, Substitute House Bill No. 2038, Chapter 107, Sections 4, 5 and 6, Laws of 1988, now RCW 41.05.030 and 41.05.021, directed the new Washington State Health Care Authority to perform a number of reviews and report back to the Legislature no later than December 1, 1990, on items related to state health care purchasing and consolidation and coordination of different state health care functions.

#### **WHEREAS:**

- (1) The primary duty of the Washington State Health Care Authority is to develop health care benefit programs for state employees;
- (2) Taking the lead role in the state health care purchasing study would detract the Washington State Health Care Authority from performing its primary duty;
- (3) The Washington State Health Care Authority should be an active participant in the study;
- (4) I am supportive of the goals encompassed in the Legislation, and want to ensure the review is accomplished with the fullest agency cooperation and participation;
- (5) The Office of Financial Management can best act as convener and coordinating agency for this interagency review;
- (6) I am seeking Legislation to formalize this needed change;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, hereby create the Governor's Health Policy Group which shall be composed of the following representative departments: Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Corrections, Department of Labor and Industries, Basic Health Plan, Health Care Authority, Department of Licensing, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Insurance Commissioner, and Hospital Commission, with the Office of Financial Management acting as the convener and coordinating agency.

The purpose of this group is to develop and coordinate Health Policy as it relates to state government. The complexity and interaction of health policy make interagency coordination important if the State is to meet its goals in the area of health. These goals include: (1) appropriately controlled health care costs for beneficiaries of the state programs; (2) access to appropriate health care for all citizens of the state; (3) quality health care for the State's beneficiaries and (4) public health services availability.

The immediate function of this group shall be to facilitate performance of the reviews required by House Bill No. 2038 requiring a focused and coordinated study of the state purchased health care programs and regulatory agencies, with reports due back to the Legislature by December 1, 1989, and December 1, 1990.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of the State  
of Washington to be affixed at Olympia  
this 23rd day of December A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

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**By:**

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BOOTH GARDNER  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Secretary of State