

Legislative Priorities Preview

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The external environment

- ▶ Advisory Committee & Cascade Care Workgroup input
 - ▶ Standard plans
 - ▶ Public option
- ▶ 2024 federal election outcomes and possible impacts
 - ▶ Affordable Care Act
 - ▶ Exchange marketplaces and Medicaid
 - ▶ CMS waivers
- ▶ State budget landscape



State election outcomes

Senate (49 seats)

Democrats (30 seats)

Republicans (19 seats)

House (98 seats)

Democrats (59 seats)

Republicans (39 seats)

2025 session focus



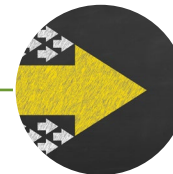
New Governor



New Insurance Commissioner



New Attorney General



New Agency Secretaries

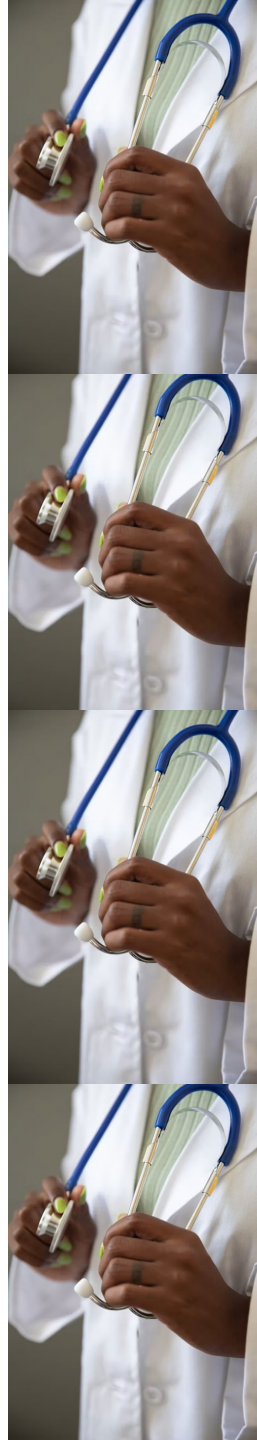
- DOH, DSHS, HCA



New Health Care and Fiscal Committee Members

2025 session focus - continued

- ▶ **Drive affordability – Cascade Care Savings**
 - ▶ Problem
 - ▶ Rising health care premiums
 - ▶ Uncertainty of enhanced premium tax credits
 - ▶ **Cascade Care Savings only funded through plan year 2025**
 - ▶ Solution
 - ▶ **Continue Cascade Care Savings and modestly enhance funding**
 - ▶ Disproportionate impact on,
 - ▶ Rural residents
 - ▶ Communities of color
 - ▶ People transitioning from Medicaid to commercial coverage



2025 session focus - continued

Contain the cost of health care



Reference-based pricing



Shift resources to primary care



Organizational ownership transparency

2025 session focus - continued

Protect equity
gains –
noncitizen health
coverage



Access to health and dental
plans on Washington
Healthplanfinder

DACA recipients

Apple Health Expansion

Other issues on the horizon

- ▶ Simplifying plan choice – standard plans
- ▶ Meaningfully lower premiums – public option





Thank you!

Any issue missing?

What is your organization focusing on this session?