

Guiding Principles for the Work of the Healthcare Cabinet to Develop Its Health Care Cost Containment Model

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In considering recommendations for controlling the costs of the Connecticut health care system, while improving the quality of its care and protecting patient access, the Healthcare Cabinet will:

1. ensure that the consumer perspective is considered in identifying cost drivers and evaluating strategies to mitigate the costs, and consider the impact any strategy may have on consumers;
2. propose strategies that promote Connecticut's "Quadruple Aim" of ensuring superior access, quality and the care experience, while eliminating health inequities and improving affordability by reducing health care costs;
3. consider the impact on providers and the need to create a hospitable environment that encourages providers to practice medicine in Connecticut;
4. be innovative in order to meet the formidable challenges of containing health care costs while basing strategies on available data and evidence while considering Connecticut's health care environment and the talent and expertise that exists within the state;
5. clearly articulate the role of state government in containing costs, and the action to be taken by the legislature and state agencies;
6. be sustainable over time;
7. to the extent possible, seek to limit any administrative burdens on health care providers and payers;
8. to the extent possible, be consistent and integrated with existing regulatory practices, and reduce or eliminate existing administrative, regulatory and reporting requirements; and
9. to the extent possible, improve the overall efficiency of the state's health care regulatory environment.