

## **HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils** **Statutory Advisory Groups Not Currently Active**

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Some advisory bodies established in statute have not been active in recent years. Those entities, their purposes, and the current status of each are summarized below.

### **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**Statutory Authority:** 40-5-906, MCA

#### **Purposes**

- Advise DPHHS about the policy, direction, control, and management of the child support case registry and payment processing unit
- Advise DPHHS on forms, data processing needs, contract terms, and cooperative agreements related to child support enforcement
- Under the law, DPHHS may enter into contracts to establish, operate, or maintain the case registry and payment processing unit and related functions if there is a board to act in an advisory capacity

#### **Status**

- Board has been disbanded
- DPHHS is unable to identify when the board was disbanded but believes it may have been in 2004
- The Child Support Enforcement Division uses state employees, rather than a contractor, to operate the case registry and payment processing unit.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY GROUP**

**Statutory Authority:** 50-4-810 and 50-4-811, MCA

#### **Purposes**

- Oversee the DPHHS grant process for creating and supporting new nonfederally funded community health centers and expanding services at existing CHCs
- Make recommendations on applications for grant funds

#### **Status**

- Advisory group was created in 2007 and was active in 2007 and 2008
- Legislature has not appropriated funds for the grant program since 2007, so group has been inactive since 2009

### **MONTANA 2-1-1 COMMUNITY COALITION**

**Statutory Authority:** 53-1-703, 53-1-704, 53-1-710, and 53-1-711, MCA

#### **Purposes**

- Assist the Department of Public Health and Human Services in developing a strategic plan for putting in place, operating, and evaluating a 2-1-1 system to provide public information on and referral to local resources related to disaster, emergency, safety, health, or human services topics
- Provide a report to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee and the Legislature each biennium

#### **Additional Information**

- Created by 2005 Legislature
- No funding provided for advisory coalition
- Governor did not appoint coalition members because of lack of funding; DPHHS established an informational work group that met three times

#### **Status**

- Coalition submitted a report to the Legislature on Nov. 1, 2006
- DPHHS has not continued to work on 2-1-1 activities since completion of the report. However, individual 2-1-1 call centers continue to serve various areas of the state.

### **MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Statutory Authority:** 53-6-710, MCA

#### **Purposes**

- Review requests for proposals for Medicaid managed care programs
- Review contracts proposed to be awarded for managed care
- Hold a public hearing in the area affected by a proposed managed care effort and submit a report of its findings related to the public comment process to the Legislature, the Legislative Auditor's Office, and DPHHS

#### **Status**

- Council created by Senate Bill 351 in the 2011 Legislature
- DPHHS is considering members for appointment; no managed care proposals are pending

### **COMMISSION ON PROVIDER RATES AND SERVICES**

**Statutory Authority:** Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, MCA

#### **Purposes**

- Monitor the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to providers of Medicaid services in order to ensure that state funds are spent appropriately, providers are treated fairly, and consumer and taxpayer expectations are met
- Create a protocol for recommending provider reimbursement rates
- Recommend reimbursement levels, rate equity among service levels, and cost-effective methods of regulating and auditing provider services

#### **Status**

- Meetings are held at the call of the presiding officer
- The last meeting appears to have been held in September 2010
- DPHHS says it is waiting for the Commission to prioritize its requests for information