

## 2009 DCPCA Policy Goals

### 1. Strengthen the Safety Net Health Center Network

- a. **Secure adequate funding for successful completion of capital project portfolio**
- b. Pay the true cost of care to community health centers through Medicaid and Alliance rate adjustments.
- c. **Monitor the implementation** of a Captive Insurance Company to provide affordable medical liability protection for all non-FQHC health centers, as well as gap coverage for FQHCs.
- d. **Guide and support Department of Health in** maximizing the utilization of the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program and **leveraging local funds to secure** federal funding.
- e. **Monitor and safeguard safety net reimbursement and programmatic wins.**

### 2. Maximize Coverage Opportunities for the Medically Vulnerable

- a. **Based on the new Administration's initiatives, monitor opportunities for further Medicaid expansion of coverage.**
- b. Monitor the implementation of all Medicaid waivers and coverage expansions, e.g. **Healthy DC.**
- c. Establish parity of benefits in publicly funded insurance.
- d. **Advise on future restructuring of Department of Mental Health, including the development of a strategic vision to improve mental health outcomes.**
- e. **Sustain and fund progressive eligibility criteria for Medicaid and the Alliance for FY 2009.**

### 3. Integrate Comprehensive Care for Targeted At-Risk Populations

- a. Improve access to and management of mental health and substance abuse services
- b. **Monitor continued expansion of oral health benefit** for low-income residents.

### 4. Develop a More Cost-Effective Health Care Delivery System

- a. Provide oversight, accountability and **reporting on DC government agencies' provision of public health services.**
- b. **Provide oversight and accountability of the new Department of Health Care Finance to effectively manage the District's health care dollars, maximize federal Medicaid funds, efficiently reimburse Medicaid providers, and ultimately link health care spending to improved health outcomes.**
- c. Reduce avoidable hospitalizations and ER use by developing policies and **expanding** programs to direct individuals into more cost-effective and appropriate care.

### 5. Improve the District's Health Outcomes

- a. **Monitor the Department of Health to ensure funding is directed towards state plan amendments that have clear and achievable goals and that can be measured by improved health outcomes and reduced health disparities.**

- b. Work collaboratively with the Chief Information Officer and affiliated agencies to create a robust data hub that can be used to develop strategies to improve the health of DC residents.**
- c. Continue to leverage resources for the expansion of Health Information Technology. Develop legislative and regulatory standards that support the free exchange of medical information and protect patient privacy as well.**
- d. Ensure the Department of Health develops a DC state school health plan that properly guides funding and programs that positively affect the health of students in DC Public Schools.**