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NCOIL HEALTH, LONG-TERM CARE AND HEALTH RETIREMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE HAS PRODUCTIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE CALL ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

State Legislators Discuss Ways to Lend Expertise and Shape Policies

Manasquan, NJ – As the debate unfolds about the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and healthcare in America, bipartisan NCOIL legislators, including New York State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill (D) and Oklahoma State Representative Glen Mulready (R), who serve as Chair and Vice Chair of the NCOIL Health, Long-Term Care and Health Retirement Committee hosted a call on Friday afternoon to formulate solutions to ensure consumers continue to receive care at a cost that is affordable and that the structure is strong so insurance companies can participate and thrive.

“In this rapidly changing environment, we need to examine the impact of changing the Affordable Care Act as it relates to state budgets, provider and residents that may no longer have access to health insurance” said NY Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Chair of the committee.

“The depths of the potential changes could be staggering to state budgets and health care delivery” said Commissioner Tom Considine, NCOIL CEO. “We have an accomplished group of solutions-oriented state legislators from around the country discussing ways to solve this problem efficiently that is best for patients and providers, without negatively impacting state budgets.”

There were approximately 50 participants on the call including legislators from New York to Alaska to Ohio to Louisiana to California.

The NCOIL Health, Long-Term Care and Health Retirement Committee will meet on Friday, March 3 at the NCOIL Spring Meeting in New Orleans, LA will discuss a wide variety of health insurance related issues including what is happening in the insurance marketplace.

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