

Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program

Background

In 1999 the Wisconsin legislature created the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Program. This program is a voluntary health insurance purchasing pool for small business.

Phil Borden, Director of the Office of Private Employer Health Care Coverage (OPEHCC), made a presentation to the Task Force on November 27, 2000. Since then, OPEHCC has continued to take steps to contract with a vendor to act as administrator of the program and has requested additional funding from the legislature to cover an anticipated shortfall.

Option

Support additional funding for the Private Employer Health Care Purchasing Alliance.

Pro

- Additional funding may be helpful to the Alliance in securing a contract to market the program.

Cons

- The Department of Employee Trust Funds and the Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board are in the best position to identify and advocate funding needs of the program.
- The current state budget is very tight. This Task Force is not in a good position to determine the funding priority this item should be given over other competing interests in the process.