

# August 2007

## Legislative Management Team (LMT) Report:

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### **1. THE LMT AT WORK**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1) August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 – Doug Lubenow and Dave Mordo will be meeting with Keri Logosso, Health Policy Advisor to Governor Jon Corzine and Steven Goldman, Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance.
- 2) September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – Dale Florio of Princeton Public Affairs Group (our lobbyist) will address the Board of NJAHU at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton.
- 3) October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 – New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Statewide Conference & Expo at the Garden State Exhibit Center. Members of the LMT and the Board will be visible at the expo all day.

In addition, many LMT members and members of NJAHU will be attending political fundraisers in an effort to make ourselves more visible and vocal in the healthcare debate in New Jersey from now until election day and beyond.

#### **ONGOING WORK**

- 1) HIAPAC & HUPAC fundraising continues. Theresa Semple is our new HIAPAC chair and Jim Stenger continues as HUPAC chair. Our fundraising effort is the key ingredient to the process of contributing to various political campaigns and legislators.
- 2) Through the efforts of SG Communications we are getting our organization's name and our professional opinion as benefit specialists out in the press via letters to the editors, print and TV interviews with various local and national media outlets.

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## 2. 2007 – 2008 Legislative Management Team (LMT) SUB-COMMITTEES:

HIAPAC/HUPAC	Theresa Semple, Jim Stenger
CAPITOL CONFERENCE	Dave Mordo
MEDIA RELATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS	Jack Kalosy, Joe Torella, Frank Ruggiero, Lisa Holck
LIAISON TO THE WEBSITE	Jack Kalosy
WHITE PAPERS/POSITION PAPERS	Joan Fusco, Eileen Shrem
ADOPT A LEGISLATOR/MEETINGS/TESTIMONY	Doug Lubenow, Jim Stenger

NJAHU employs:

- ***Princeton Public Affairs Group*** as their lobbyist; and,
- ***SG Communications*** as their Public Relations firm.

The LMT is hoping to recruit at least 1 volunteer from each chapter to assist those working on the sub-committees and welcomes the assistance of David Oscar, Lynne Clausen and any other volunteers who have an interest in this area of our Association.

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## 3. Recently Introduced Bills:

**S-2655 (Vitale/Madden)** Expands scope of claims subject to "Health Claims Authorization, Processing and Payment Act," and modifies certain claims procedures. (2006:A-3827)

**S-2664 (Weinberg)** Provides additional enforcement provisions under "Health Care Quality Act"; allows certain private causes of action for violations; expands administrative remedies; establishes enforcement fund. (2006:A-4149)

**S-2670 (Weinberg)** Requires managed care plans to pay certain health care claims based on assignment of benefits.

**S-2693 (Adler)** Creates "New Jersey Catastrophic Health Care Claims Reinsurance Program." (2006:A-3366; 2004:A-4264)

**S-2704 (Codey/Weinberg)** Requires health care providers to test pregnant women for HIV as part of routine prenatal care unless woman refuses testing, and requires testing of all newborns for HIV. (2006:A-4218)

**A-4161 (Greenstein)** Increases minimum loss ratio for individual and small employer-health benefits plans from 75% to 80%. (2006:S-540; 2004:S-2821)

**A-4168 (Cohen)** Revises basis for calculating charity care reimbursement; increases HMO premium assessment and group health insurance premium tax to support charity care.

**A-4186 (Cohen/Conaway/Watson Coleman)** Prohibits organized delivery systems from denying participation in network to imaging centers willing to meet terms of contract.

**A-4218 (McKeon)** Requires health care providers to test pregnant women for HIV as part of routine prenatal care unless woman refuses testing, and requires testing of all newborns for HIV. (2006:S-2704)

**A-4219 (Cohen)** Requires health insurers to provide benefits for magnetic resonance imaging for certain women at high risk for breast cancer.

**A-4255 (Diegnan/ Stender / Whelan)** Requires health insurers to provide benefits for Pap smears at least annually.