

**Health Insurance Partnership
Technical Advisory Committee**

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Health Care Authority
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
to the Health Insurance Partnership Board

Establishment

The TAC is established as permitted under Chapter 70.47A RCW.

Membership

The TAC will consist of individuals who represent various stakeholders in the small group health care market including:

- Health plan carriers
- Agents and Brokers
- Business Associations
- Advocacy Groups

Members may be added or removed at the discretion of the HCA or the HIP Board.

Purpose

The TAC will provide advice to the HIP Board on issues that have an impact to the small group market, small employers and their employees, businesses, labor and advocacy groups. The TAC will be a source of expert knowledge for the HIP Board. The TAC will also take a lead role in representing their respective stakeholder group.

Responsibilities

Technical Advisory Committee members are responsible for:

- Attending TAC meetings
- Supporting the HIP Board goals and guiding principles
- Providing advice and sharing knowledge about the small group market and other industries and consumers affected by the program to the HIP Board
- Representing respective stakeholder groups during the development and implementation phases of the HIP

Technical Advisory Committee members are not responsible for:

- Making policy decisions on behalf of the HCA or the HIP Board
- Serving as a spokesperson for the HCA or the HIP Board

- Lobbying on behalf of the HCA or HIP Board

Structure and Operations

The HCA will appoint a chair of the TAC.

The TAC chair will preside over the meetings.

The TAC will meet at such times as it determines to be necessary or appropriate to prepare for reporting to the HIP Board.

HCA staff will be available to support the TAC.

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Technical Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The HIP Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is the key group for providing advice to the HIP Board on the small group market and impacts to the business industry. The TAC will be comprised of individuals who represent various stakeholders in the small group health care market and who will take a lead role in representing this important group. The TAC will work with HCA staff to provide analysis, research and reports to help facilitate the HIP Board decision-making process. They may make recommendations to the HIP Board concerning policy development.

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- Serving as a spokesperson for the HIP Board or HCA
- Lobbying on behalf of the HCA or HIP Board