

Purpose of the Health Insurance Partnership:

“...to remove economic barriers to health insurance coverage for low-wage employees of small employers by building on the private sector health benefit plan system and encouraging employer and employee participation in employer-sponsored health benefit plan coverage.”

To achieve this goal . . .

State funding of subsidies to low-income employees is:

Necessary 7	Not important	Need more information
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State funding of administrative expenses during start-up is:

Critical 6	Helpful	Not necessary	Need more information 1
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The “individual choice” provisions of the current statute:

Should be eliminated 1	Need to be limited 5	Are not a problem	Need more information 1
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Title 48 RCW conflicts in the HIP legislation:

Need broad exemption from Title 48	Need narrow T 48 exemptions 5	Are not a problem	Need more information 2
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Plans offered through the HIP should be:

Board-defined and rated, unique to HIP plan designs		Selected from Small Group market 5	Need more information 1
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HIP as the plan sponsor or administrator:

Strike this requirement 2	Find an administrative work around 1	Not a problem	Need more information 4
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Small employer must employ one subsidy-eligible employee:

Strike this requirement 5	Find an administrative work around 1	Not a problem	Need more information 1
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The overall structure in the HIP legislation:

Must be significantly modified 2	Needs some change 4	Is OK. No change is necessary	Need more information 1
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Assuming no substantive legislative changes to the program, the September 1, 2008 implementation date is:

Unrealistic 7		Not a problem	Need more information
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Assuming significant legislative changes to the program, the September 1, 2008 implementation date is:

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