

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION ON INTERSTATE HEALTH INSURANCE COMPACT**

WHEREAS, increasing health care costs are contributing to the current economic crisis, weighing heavily on American family, business, and government budgets;

WHEREAS, 14,000 Americans lose their health insurance every day and are increasingly denied realistic market choices for health insurance coverage;

WHEREAS, health care costs cause a bankruptcy in America every 30 seconds and 62.1% of all bankruptcies in 2007 were medical;

WHEREAS, within a decade, it is estimated one out of every four citizen dollars will be spent on health care;

WHEREAS, private insurance premiums for employer-sponsored plans are projected to rise 94% by 2020, reducing American business's competitiveness in the international marketplace;

WHEREAS, states are the rightful and correct venue for health insurance regulation and states have an interest in pursuing state-based approaches to lower health care costs and open up markets for greater health insurance access and competition; and

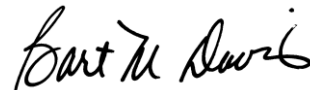
WHEREAS, interstate compacts are unique tools reserved for the states that encourage multi-state cooperation and innovative policy solutions while asserting and preserving state sovereignty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Council of State Governments establishes an Interstate Health Insurance Compact Working Group to explore the creation of an agreement that would permit states to join together and share common regulatory standards and consumer protections related to health insurance, including specific recommendations for inclusion in an interstate compact that may be considered by states. Such recommendations will be due to the CSG Health Policy Task Force within one year.

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