

Minnesota
Governor's Health Cabinet

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- I. **Program Type:** Medicaid/State Employees/Public-Private Partnership and Health Policy
- II. **Established:** November 2004
- III. **Service Population:** 5,100,958
- IV. **Program Description:** Governor Tim Pawlenty created a Health Cabinet to help bring about solutions to rising health care costs that delivers far more value for what is spent. The Health Cabinet is made up of six state agency heads, working together to find solutions for state government and taxpayers.
- V. **Staffing:** The Health Cabinet has one official staff with staff support of 18-20 from the six agencies that comprise the cabinet.
- VI. **Results:** Since the creation of the Health Cabinet state agencies are working in sync to cut administrative multiplication, share purchasing strategies, implementing new ways to purchase health care saving the state millions of dollars, getting useful information to consumers to put them back in the driver seat and assist them in becoming wise health care consumers.
- VII. **Leading Organization/s:**
 - Department of Employee Relations
 - Department of Human Services
 - Department of Labor and Industry
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Finance
 - Department of Commerce
- VIII. **Key Partners:**
 - State agencies/Minnesota health care industry and health care consumers
- IX. **Lessons Learned:** Communication between state agencies who are associated with, in some and all aspects of health and health care (i.e., purchasing, regulating, promoting, delivering) streamlines the overlap between agencies, saves money and is more efficient than what was been done in the past. Through the combined efforts of the six agencies many improvements have been made.
- X. **Funding:** Funded by the six departments which make up the Health Cabinet