

Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council
Strategic Plan
Chapter Outline
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Background: In accordance with Executive Order 01.01.2007.24 and HB 1395, the Council will submit a comprehensive strategic plan for improving the health of Marylanders to the Governor and General Assembly on December 1, 2009. The plan will provide a roadmap for realizing the Council's mission and vision. More specifically, the plan will articulate focused strategies to:

- Improve Maryland's health indicators
- Reduce disparities in health outcomes
- Reduce the incidence of chronic conditions
- Ensure that 90 percent of Marylanders receive evidence-based treatment by 2015

Suggested Strategic Plan Chapter Headings

- 1. Executive summary**
- 2. Statement of Council's charge from governor and legislature**
- 3. Statement of Council's process**
- 4. Defining the problems: why a plan is necessary**
 - a. Background: systemic issues with US health care
 - i. Problems/ causes
 - ii. Possible solutions/ characteristics of high performing health systems/ examples
 - b. Maryland: trends and metrics
 - i. Maryland ranking versus other states on standard metrics and IOM priority areas for improvement
 - ii. Specific issues concerning disparities
- 5. What Maryland is doing currently to address these problems**
 - a. Innovative public sector initiatives
 - b. Innovative initiatives in the private/ non-profit sector
- 6. Strategies: achieving better health for Marylanders**
 - a. Goal 1: Develop a chronic care plan
 - i. Rationale
 - ii. Strategies
 - iii. Measures
 - iv. Estimated costs
 - v. Estimated benefit in terms of improved health/reduced disease in Maryland
 - vi. Timeline

- b. Goal 2: TBD (Additional approaches to improve quality and contain costs)
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7. Appendices