

**Summary of provisions of the Sustinet law (Public Act 09-148)  
related to governance and administration**

SustiNet Health Partnership Board of Directors "shall offer recommendations to the General Assembly on the governance structure of the entity that is best suited to provide oversight and implementation of the Sustinet Plan." These recommendations *may* include, but are not limited to, establishing a public authority that is authorized to:

- (1) Adopt guidelines, policies, and regulations necessary to implement Sustinet;
- (2) Contract with insurers or other third party entities for administrative purposes, including claims processing and credentialing providers;
- (3) Solicit bids from individual providers and provider organizations to establish provider network for Sustinet members;
- (4) Establish appropriate benefit packages and cost sharing for Sustinet;
- (5) Commission surveys of consumers, employers, and providers on issues related to health care and coverage;
- (6) Negotiate on behalf of providers to obtain discounted prices for vaccines and other health care goods and services;
- (7) Make and enter into contracts with professionals as needed to oversee and implement Sustinet;
- (8) Purchase reinsurance or stop loss coverage, set aside reserves, or take other prudent measures to avoid excess exposure to risk as a self-insured plan;
- (9) Make interagency agreements to perform Sustinet plan duties that may be more efficiently or effectively implemented by an existing state agency;
- (10) Set payment methods that promote access to care and patient health, prevent unnecessary spending, and ensure sufficient compensation to cover the cost of care;
- (11) Appoint necessary advisory committees to further the objectives of Sustinet and secure input from a variety of experts and stakeholder groups;
- (12) Establish and maintain a website to educate the public about Sustinet;
- (13) Evaluate the implementation of an individual mandate in concert with guaranteed issue, eliminating preexisting condition exclusions, and auto-enrollment;
- (14) Raise funds from public and private sources to support Sustinet's mission and operations;
- (15) Optimize use of federal funding opportunities;
- (16) Submit preliminary recommendations for the implementation of Sustinet no later than 60 after enactment of federal health reform; and
- (17) Study the feasibility of funding premium subsidies for individuals with income 300% < 400% FPL.

Additionally, the Board must identify all potential funding sources that may be utilized to establish and administer Sustinet.