



*Government Relations Committee Status Report
2009 Workplan*

No.	Initiative to be undertaken	Who will do the work?	What resources are needed?	Timeframe for completion	Goal	✓
5A1 5A2 5A3	Maintain a Washington, D.C. presence for HBMA.	CA-Bill	HBMA Board and GR Committee direction	Ongoing	Monthly Achievement	
5B5	Washington Report	CA-Bill	Monthly	Ongoing	Monthly Achievement	
	Written Comments & Testimony on proposed legislation	CA-Bill & Ad Hoc HBMA taskforce	Conference Call facilities	Dependant on governments request for comments - In Progress	3 per year	
	Washington Update at HBMA conferences	CA-Bill, ISAM and ED Committee	Travel and Lodging	Spring and Fall - Upgraded to a 90 minute timeslot	Have CA-Bill be a more prominent part of the education. More time at general session or specific breakouts.	

	StateNet	State Legislative, Sub Committee and CA-Bill	HBMA Staff, StateNet Staff, GR Committee and possibly Region involvement	Completed	Review StateNet benefit to members, check options, renegotiate contract. Evaluate opportunities to better monitor state legislation and identify "trends" from state to state. Consider how CA-Bill might assist.	
	Member Communication	Don Rodden, Education Sub Committee, CA-Bill and HBMA Staff	HBMA Staff, and possibly survey committee	Quarterly - 2 issues have been sent	Evaluate the effectiveness of our member communications regarding governmental issues. I.e. website, Action Grams, Washington Reports, etc. How do we compare to other organizations? Are we using the latest and greatest tools?	
	GR Annual Workplan	HBMA GR Executive Sub Committee, CA-Bill		2Q 2009	Create an annual Workplan with committee goals for each element of the plan. The plan should tie back to the strategic initiatives identified at SPS.	

5B4	Progress Measurement	Don, Kathy, and Jud	Staff to post work list	Ongoing	<p>Staff will record and post GR initiatives and progress on the initiative to the GR section of the website.</p> <p>Purpose is to inform membership of what HBMA is involved in governmentally.</p>	
5B6	National Triage Protocol	Sub Committee, CA-Bill, GR Committee		Ongoing	<p>GR Committee, BOD and Bill will determine the work items for the GR Committee and determine what items should be announced to the HBMA membership. Bill shall not be expected to work on individual member issues that are not approved or first discussed by the GR committee and ranked for importance and prioritized.</p>	

5C1	Develop a govt communications roster and schedule	Don Rodden, Communications Sub Committee and Bill		Ongoing	Educate congress, regulatory agencies and other associations about HBMA's GR efforts. Provide exposure and credibility for HBMA. Provide an opportunity for outside involvement on common issues.	
5C2	Develop an association communication program	Communications Sub Committee and CA	Select Articles from Billing	Ongoing	See above.	
5D1	State issue triage protocol	Kathy, Patrick Lukacs and State Sub-Committee		3Q 2009	To be developed by state committee.	
5D2	Evaluate development of a member "SWAT" team	EC Committee		Ongoing - Recent projects include MAC and RAC and Karen Jackson	GR Committee will when applicable create SWAT teams of certain committee members, members at large, consultants, etc. to address specific issues or comments.	
5D3	Develop a State Issues List for members	State Legislative Sub Committee		Ongoing - 3Q 09	To be developed by state committee.	
5B2 5B3	Monthly Conference Calls with ad-hoc issue calls as needed.	Committee Chair, HBMA Staff	Conference Call facilities	Ongoing - MAC and RAC information on service	Monthly Achievement	
	NPI Provider Identifier Message Board	GR Committee, Staff	Website and membership	Done	GR Committee and Staff will look at these	

	Committee Planning meeting in D.C.	GR Committee	\$	Currently Pending Date	State Reps. will join GR for Capitol Hill visits	
	Conduct legislative meetings with elected officials / staff	CA- Bill and GR Committee	\$	Ongoing		
	CMS/GR Committee annual meeting	GR Committee, CMS Staff, Capitol Associates	CMS Facilities	Annually	GR Meeting with CMS Folks	
	Conference call with CMS - Karen Jackson (MACS) & Connie Leonard (RACS)	GR Committee, CA-Bill, CMS		Quarterly	Smooth transition for MAC	
	SGR	GR Committee, CA-Bill, Membership	the Baucus-Grassley Compromise	Ongoing	Keep the membership informed on the SGR Situation	
	Washington/CMS Press Release	Don Rodden	Looking over draft examples	Ongoing	Press Release to Other associations and membership	
	Evaluate Capitol Associates contract	GR Chair	\$	Every two years	Done	
	Monitor contract objectives	GR Chair	Report to Board	Ongoing		
	Develop ongoing "tracking list" of current issues	CA-Bill, ISAM and ED Committee	Part of Contract	Ongoing		
	Invite high level government official to speak at HBMA meeting	CA-Bill, ISAM and ED Committee	Expenses	At all Conferences - Bill Rogers spoke	We have Champus-VA TriCare speaking at May Conference.	
	Improve response and efficiency to federal register comment process	GR Committee, CA- Bill,		Ongoing	CA-Bill to interpret and disseminate to membership	

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Monthly Activity	
In Process	
Not Completed or Addressed	