It’s time for a healthy change.

**KEY FACTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR CHANGE IN DELAWARE**

- Our health care costs are, per capita, the third highest in the nation – more than 27% above the U.S. average.
- Delaware’s health care costs are expected to more than double by 2025.
- Delaware ranks 30th in overall health in the United States.
- Delaware has an older population that is aging faster than the national average.
- Delaware is sicker than the average state, with higher rates of chronic disease.
- Health care costs consume 30% of Delaware’s budget.

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SUPPORT THE Health Care Spending Benchmark

3rd HIGHEST

2017

2025

30%
The health care spending benchmark will help improve the way care is received, and help control rising costs.

On Sept. 7, 2017, Governor John Carney signed landmark legislation, approved by the General Assembly, giving authority to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to establish a health care spending benchmark for Delaware.

The legislation came just weeks after a federal analysis found that Delaware had the third-highest per-capita level of health care spending in the nation.

The health care spending benchmark will link the growth rate of health care spending to the overall economy of the state. It is the first step in evaluating the total cost of health care in the state, and a major step in transforming Delaware’s health care system to be more outcome-driven, as opposed to basing payment for care solely on a patient’s length of hospital stay or the number of visits, procedures, and tests.