State legislation created the Patient Protection Commission (PPC) in 2019. Pursuant to NRS 439.916, the commission has broad scope of authority to 1) review the state’s health care needs including specific focus on affordability and cost factors, and 2) develop policy options including purchasing strategies, data transparency, and use of claims data to inform policy. The commission voted in 2020 to initiate work to establish a cost growth target.

In December 2021, Governor Steve Sisolak signed an executive order that set a benchmark for how much the cost of health care services should grow in a year, and also charges insurance companies and health care providers to work together to meet these goals.

"I am excited and honored to be working with such a diverse group of professionals and patient advocates on the Patient Protection Commission to further the health care affordability discussion in our State. Nevada is a large state with small-town relationships; and it is my hope that through the collaboration needed for the health care cost growth benchmark program, all stakeholders will work together with state lawmakers and policy makers to gain a better understanding of what is truly driving the cost of health care and help curb the climbing cost of health care for all Nevadans."

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