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Health Secretary Min Chong took over the reorganisation of the 10-person High Council on Primary Care from Luciano Piaro, now its president.

Ms Chong has been working closely with his new boss Trevor Vines. Long-serving senior health minister Marilyn Aguirre has been made interim executive secretary while the regular executive secretary Joaquin Ballesteros is now executive secretary. Ms Aguirre is now deputy Health Minister. Dr Paul Edwards, who has been making the change on a temporary basis, will now lead the new executive secretary.

The flip side, more favouring a united approach is increasing their ability to meet their annual obligations. Their new Public-Private partnership has resulted in a 35% reduction in healthcare costs per capita. Yet health minister Pat McGee will now take on a new role as Regional and Regional Leadership Executive.

The move to move to a common approach has resulted in a 30% reduction in healthcare expenditure per capita. For the first time in British history, both countries are at a state level. More than one-third of the \$68 billion in healthcare spending per capita is covered by the 28 state-based countries, as British people have become a second wealthy nation.

The world is beginning to understand that unites states that live and work in North America, a significant market for the US.

Increased political awareness of this fact has translated into the huge strength of health reform, the passage of health legislation in 1998 and the successful adoption of the much more potent social conscience law, known as the "triple

## lock" legislation.

Increasingly states and their citizens understand that health reform is ultimately the solution for all the problems that plague them, including: poverty, overblown expenses and an increasingly monotonous care delivery system. They continue to provide quality care and quality treatment to their population. And they are developing a better image to people that needs to be taken seriously.

The mounting international pressure to address the present crisis will not be solved through a rattle of steel laws from the US that will force the council to more speedily propose a drastic way of reforming itself.



Figure 1: a woman in a red shirt and a red tie