



AMA health reform objectives

The American Medical Association views discussions about the future of health system reform through its mission of promoting the betterment of public health, medical ethics, scientific evidence and long-standing policies adopted by representatives from over 190 physician organizations that participate in the AMA House of Delegates. The following are key objectives we believe should guide decision-making related to health system reform.

1. Ensure that individuals currently covered do not become uninsured and take steps toward coverage and access for all Americans.
2. Maintain key insurance market reforms, such as coverage for pre-existing conditions, elimination of lifetime benefit caps and parental coverage for young adults.
3. Stabilize and strengthen the individual insurance market.
4. Ensure that low- and moderate-income patients are able to secure affordable and adequate coverage.
5. Ensure that Medicaid, CHIP and other safety net programs are maintained and adequately funded.
6. Reduce regulatory burdens that detract from patient care and increase costs.
7. Provide greater cost transparency throughout the health care system.
8. Incorporate common sense medical liability reforms.
9. Continue the advancement of delivery reforms and new physician-led payment models to achieve better outcomes, higher quality and lower spending trends.

The AMA and the physician community are ready to work with policymakers to continue the process of improving our health care system and ensuring that all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable health care coverage.

The AMA launched a website, patientsbeforepolitics.org, aimed at encouraging physicians and patients to join the effort to provide access to affordable, meaningful coverage for all Americans. The interactive site provides the latest information on health system reform legislation moving through Congress, as well as the AMA's efforts to shape the future of U.S. health care.