

Principles for health care reform

1. Access to quality health care for all is needed to improve the health status of America.
2. The health care system in the United States must provide appropriate health care to all people within the U.S borders, without unreasonable financial barriers to care.
3. Less complicated administrative systems are essential in reducing costs, creating a more efficient health care system and maximize funding for health care services.
4. Access to and financing for appropriate health services must be a shared public/private cooperative effort, and a system which will allow individuals/employees to purchase additional services or insurance.
5. Sufficient funds must be available for public health and other essential medical services to include preventive services, vision care, auditory services, mental health, trauma care, dental services and catastrophic coverage.
6. Sufficient funds must be available for research (basic, clinical, and translational) medical education, and comprehensive health information technology, infrastructure, and implementation.
7. Government/public reimbursement rates should be equivalent to the market average in order to promote primary care and assure access to needed services.
8. Comprehensive medical liability reform is essential to ensure access to quality health care.