



What Doctors for America Stands For

Every day, physicians see how our current healthcare system is failing patients and doctors alike. We see insurance companies denying patients care, families struggling to pay for medications and even bankrupted by illness, and colleagues deeply frustrated by a system that values volume and tests over quality and time spent with patients.

Doctors for America believes these challenges need to be addressed with health reform legislation that centers on three key principles:

1. Provide affordable, accessible health care for all Americans
2. Control the cost of health care for our patients and our nation
3. Ensure high quality care for all Americans

Adhering to these three key principles requires simultaneous changes in the financing, organization, and delivery of care in order to provide physicians with the infrastructure, information and incentives they need to improve quality and control costs. Doing so will improve the quality and decrease cost of health care for patients, and will also ensure practice environments that allow physicians to focus on patient care.

Below Doctors for America expands on how health reform can be achieved.

1. Provide affordable, accessible health care for all Americans
 - We support guaranteed health insurance for all people -- regardless of their health
 - We support a well-designed public health insurance option which is publicly accountable and transparent to Congress and to voters
2. Control the cost of health care for our nation and our patients
 - We support investment in prevention and wellness efforts.
 - We support investment in health information technology
 - We support rewarding physicians and hospitals for high quality and effective care.
 - We support malpractice reform
 - We support tighter regulation and increased transparency of the insurance industry
3. Ensure high quality care for all Americans
 - We support investment in the primary care workforce
 - We support completely replacing the Sustainable Growth Rate
 - We support the pilot testing of medical home and other care delivery models to reward care coordination
 - We support research that provides doctors with the best information available to take care of their patients.
 - We support efforts to reduce health disparities and support vulnerable populations

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