



American Medical Association Health System Reform Objectives

The AMA has long advocated for health insurance coverage for all Americans, as well as pluralism, freedom of choice, freedom of practice, and universal access for patients. The same core principles and priorities will guide future AMA advocacy efforts regarding amendments to the Affordable Care Act and any health system reform proposals. The AMA remains committed to improving health insurance coverage and health care access so that patients receive timely, high-quality care, preventive services, medications and other necessary treatments.

The following are key objectives that reflect current AMA policy on health reform that will guide us in discussions regarding ongoing efforts to improve the system.

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