

HEALTH CARE REFORM KEY POINTS



America is ready for the choice of quality, affordable health care for all.

PRINCIPLES OF REFORM

1. **Contain Costs**

Slow the growth rate of premiums and invest in prevention.

2. **Guarantee Choice**

If people like their current coverage, they can keep their doctors and their plan.

3. **Improve Quality**

Ensure people can get the treatment they need when they need it.

4. **Ensure Coverage**

Reform must put us on the path to cover all Americans.

COST OF DOING NOTHING

Since 2000, premiums have more than doubled while wages have stood still.

In the past year, 53% of Americans say their household cut back on health care due to cost concerns.

The United States now spends twice as much per capita on health care than almost any other industrialized nation with poorer health outcomes.

Since the recession began, an estimated 4 million additional Americans have lost their health insurance.

An additional 14,000 Americans are losing their coverage every day.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

STRONG SUPPORT FOR REFORM



Even in the recession, 71% of Americans believe health care reform is more important than ever.

HEALTH CARE & THE ECONOMY

With employers unable to afford rising health care costs, our country could see an additional 3.5 million people unemployed and without benefits in the next 4 years.

American businesses can't compete globally with small business premiums rising 129% since 2000.

In 2006, our economy lost as much as \$200 billion because of the poor health and shorter lifespan of the uninsured.

Without any change, by 2018, health care spending will rise to \$4.4 trillion – more than one-fifth of the economy.

At least 46 million Americans are uninsured - more than 85% of whom are in working families. Without wellness and preventive care, families suffer, and their care drives up costs throughout the system.