

# Health System **REFORM**

## Eight Essential Principles of Health System Reform

1. Health care coverage should be available and affordable to all American citizens and legal residents.
2. Patient care should be based on either demonstrated evidence of, or expert consensus on safety, efficacy and effectiveness.
3. Health care business transactions and administrative processes should be transparent and use available technology to facilitate information sharing, reduce costs, and improve efficiency.
4. Health care expenditures should be adequate to improve population-based outcomes, sustain research and innovation, and support workforce training needs.
5. Health care delivery markets should be constructed to be competitive, thus increasing efficiency, innovation and quality as well as reinforcing a physician's ability to compete.
6. Comprehensive medical liability reform is essential.
7. The health care system must ensure the choice of provider and health plan or care system.
8. The health care system must promote the patient/physician relationship, with an emphasis on physician-directed primary and specialty care.

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