

Health Care Reform Proposals

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As the rate of people without insurance has increased over the last several years, state and federal governments have begun to look at new ways of making health care accessible to everyone. A variety of proposals, including tax incentives, pooling, and providing state-funded "reinsurance" for insurance companies, have come before state legislatures and the U.S. Congress. This bibliography presents resources about many of these proposals.

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Wisconsin Legislator Briefing Book 2007-08: Chapter I – Health Care and Health Insurance / Wisconsin Legislative Council. November 2006. (LegisCI/2007-2008/w) (library use only)
Offers an overview of current Wisconsin health care and insurance law. www.legis.wi.gov/lc/publications/briefingbook/health.pdf

Related Web Sites

Cato Institute: www.cato.org/healthcare
“Health Care.” Policy papers with an emphasis on health care reform through consumer choice.

Citizen Action of Wisconsin: <http://citizenactionwi.org>
Provides background on the health care policy debate, including a comparison chart of three proposals introduced in the 2005 session of the Wisconsin Legislature.

Coalition for Wisconsin Health: www.wisconsinhealth.org
This group advocates single payer coverage for Wisconsin. Site

includes a detailed summary of the Wisconsin Health Security Act (2005 SB 388/AB 807).

Cover the Uninsured: <http://covertheuninsured.org>
A coalition of groups working toward universal coverage.

Healthy New York: www.ins.state.ny.us/website2/hny/english/hny.htm
Governor Doyle’s “Healthy Wisconsin” plan draws on some of the ideas used in the Healthy New York plan.

Healthy Wisconsin: <http://dhfs.wi.gov/healthywisconsin>
Includes links to overviews of the Wisconsin Medical Assistance (MA) and Healthy Wisconsin programs.

National Conference of State Legislatures: www.ncsl.org/programs/health/h-primary.htm
“Access to Healthcare and The Uninsured.” Summarizes health care bills introduced in state legislatures and proposals suggested by governors and state commissions in 2007.

National Federation of Independent Business: www.nfib.com/page/healthcare.html
Provides the small business perspective on health care reform.

Physicians for a National Health Program: www.pnhp.org
The group advocates single-payer national health insurance.

Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars: www.familyimpactseminars.org/fis24.html
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Univ. of California-Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies: www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/hottopics/2007/univhealth
“Universal Health Care in California.” Summarizes Governor Schwarzenegger’s plan and several legislative health care proposals. Also provides links to sources about public opinion, reports, and key websites about health care reform.

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Includes briefs about health care policy issues.

WisconsinEye: www.wiseye.org/Archive.html
View video of two August 28, 2006 presentations to the Select Committee on Health Care Reform.

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Includes a link to information about the Wisconsin Health Plan.

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