

# Zoomerang Survey Results

## Health System Reform Survey

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**1. What are the most important public health provisions to consider in health system reform? (This list is based on APHA's 14 Points on Universal Health Care Toward a National Health Program outlined by the Executive Board in the early 1990's.) Choose the 4 most important provisions. Assuring:**

Universal coverage for everyone in the United States.	1688	72%
Comprehensive benefits including health maintenance, preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, and rehabilitative services for all types of illnesses and health conditions.	1352	58%
Elimination of financial barriers to care.	953	41%
Financing based on ability to pay.	321	14%
Organization and administration of health care through publicly-accountable mechanisms to assure maximum responsiveness to public needs, with a major role for federal, state, and local government health agencies.	565	24%
Incentives and safeguards to assure effective and efficient organization of services and high-quality care.	640	27%
Fair payment to providers using mechanisms which encourage appropriate treatment by providers and appropriate utilization by consumers.	736	31%
Ongoing evaluation and planning to improve the delivery of health services with consumer and provider participation.	613	26%
Inclusion of disease prevention and health promotion programs.	1334	57%
Support of education and training programs for all health workers.	310	13%
Affirmative action programs in the training, employment, and promotion of health workers.	100	4%
Non-discrimination in the delivery of health services.	554	24%
Education of consumers about their health rights and responsibilities. Attention in the organization, staffing, delivery, and payment of care to the needs of all populations including those confronting geographic, physical, cultural, language, and other non-financial barriers to service.	525	22%

**2. The original 14 points do not include much focus on public health, health promotion, population-based health or changing “sick-care” to “healthy-care.” What are the most important population/public health provisions that APHA should advocate for in health system reform? Choose three.**

Universal coverage and access to evidenced based clinical preventive services	1392	59%
Covering the 47 million (or more) uninsured	839	36%
Support the education and training of the health workforce with a special focus on the need for the expansion of the public health workforce and primary care providers.	698	30%
Fully funding the governmental public health system at federal, state and local level	911	39%
Focus on the reduction of health disparities / Improving health equity	1225	52%
Increase access to population-based prevention services including obesity reduction and prevention, tobacco use prevention, increased access to nutritious foods, HIV/AIDS prevention	1134	48%
Increased support for work place health promotion and wellness activities	391	17%
Support the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).	519	22%
Other, please specify	127	5%

**3. Although many candidates and incumbents are talking about universal coverage being a critical component of any health reform discussion, publicly funded health care is not included in either of the presidential candidates or parties platforms. APHA’s current policy calls for the establishment of publicly funded and guaranteed comprehensive, affordable health care for all but supports an incremental approach so long as (a) it is consistent with APHA's established criteria, (b) its adoption can be considered a step toward universal coverage and unlikely to impede enactment of a single-payer system, and (c) it would not reduce the levels of existing services and protections before replacements of at least equivalent scope and quality become available. APHA is committed to striking a balance between these existing policies while still participating in future reform efforts and bringing the important message of the need for inclusion of public health provisions. What balance do you suggest APHA take in the health reform discussions that have already begun and will continue into next year? Choose one approach.**

Focus on important public health provisions in what ever reform effort is underway	358	15%
Make sure publicly funded and guaranteed comprehensive, affordable health care for all is mentioned as the long term goal but still focus on important public health provisions in whatever reform effort is underway	850	36%
Fight to move toward publicly funded and guaranteed comprehensive, affordable health care for all but be willing to compromise if the health system reform effort yields other benefits for the nation’s health	912	39%
Oppose any health reform legislation unless it supports publicly funded and guaranteed comprehensive, affordable health care for all immediately	165	7%
Other, please specify	58	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2343</b>	<b>100%</b>

**4. Please specify what process and also tools that APHA should use to keep you informed and engaged in this process? Choose as many as you would use if available.**

Periodic email updates	2075	89%
Periodic informational phone calls	39	2%
Periodic interactive phone calls	95	4%
Dedicated listserve	576	25%
Dedicated chat room	126	5%
Frequently Asked Questions	831	35%
Talking Points on health reform	1320	56%
Backgrounders on existing plans	1035	44%
Issue specific webinars	712	30%
Other, please specify	67	3%

**5. Should APHA get involved in state health reform efforts?**

Yes	2053	88%
No	290	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2343</b>	<b>100%</b>

**6. If you answered yes to Question 5, how would you suggest APHA get involved?**

Direct advocacy	642	31%
Monitoring legislation & resource development to support local advocacy	1290	63%
Other, please specify	111	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2043</b>	<b>100%</b>

**7. Assuming a non-single payer approach, several policy issues are frequently identified as components of the majority of the health reform plans being discussed. What are the two most important to ensure universal coverage?**

Tax credits	1042	44%
Health savings accounts	678	29%
Mandates (Employer & individual)	1673	71%
Move all participants to the individual market	249	11%
Other, please specify	392	17%

**8. Three approaches have been proposed to address the health system crisis as a first step. What should the first step be? Choose one.**

Cover the uninsured first	1440	61%
Control costs first	724	31%
Improve quality first	179	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2343</b>	<b>100%</b>

**9. What specific expertise do you have to help APHA prepare for the coming health system reform debate? Choose all that apply.**

Medicare program management / policy	75	7%
Medicaid program management / policy	128	12%
Health Insurance management	83	7%
Economics of health care	131	12%
Economics of prevention / population health	241	22%
Clinical care provision	285	26%
Health care management	311	28%
State / local public health senior management	249	22%
Other, please specify	378	34%

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