



ACCP Principles on Health System Reform

Top Priorities for ACCP

- **Provide all Americans with access to affordable and portable health insurance that does not exclude or discriminate against those with preexisting conditions.**
- **Increase the effectiveness of critical care physicians by providing incentives for telemedicine use in both rural and underserved inpatient critical care settings.**
- **Fund innovative, patient-centered approaches to critical care that support end-of-life counseling for critically ill patients and their families.**
- **End the annual cycle of Medicare physician payment cuts.**
- **Implement strong and effective medical liability reforms to reduce the costs of defensive medicine and medical liability insurance.**
- **Include national standardization of insurance credentialing, quality reporting, patient eligibility verification, claims submissions, and other reforms that will simplify and reduce administrative costs.**

October 2009 Survey Results

89% of those responding AGREED

That health system reform should provide all Americans with access to affordable and portable health insurance that does not exclude or discriminate against those with preexisting conditions.

That patients should have a wide choice of health plans that compete based on innovations to improve patient care, not self-selecting the young and healthy, and that cover preventive services and other

essential benefits.

77% of those responding AGREED

That health system reform should create incentives to increase the effectiveness of critical care physicians through the use of telemedicine in both rural and underserved inpatient critical care settings, and research in the following areas: ICU standardization, staffing patterns, and coordinated community and regional approaches to providing critical care services.

80% of those responding AGREED

That health system reform should include funding for the development of innovative, patient-centered approaches to critical care, such as family support programs, which offer end-of-life counseling for critically ill patients and their families.

95% of those responding AGREED

That health system reform should end the annual cycle of Medicare physician reimbursement cuts due to the flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula, and that the SGR needs to be replaced with a long-term solution to ensure appropriate patient access and physician compensation.

84% of those responding AGREED

That health system reform should include strong and effective medical liability reforms to reduce the costs of defensive medicine and medical liability insurance.

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That health system reform should include national standardization of insurance credentialing, quality reporting, patient eligibility verification, claims submissions, and other reforms that will simplify and reduce administrative costs.