



Principles for Responsible Health Care Reform

Whereas, health care is a human right and,

Whereas, poor health care is an obstacle to learning for children and adults, and

Whereas, health care reform will benefit everyone - business owners, retired people, children, educators, and working families, and

Whereas, now is the time for everyone to contribute to a health care reform solution, and

Whereas, we need a commitment from our elected officials to address the health care issue in an honest, open-minded, non-partisan way,

Be it resolved that... We, the undersigned, call on state and federal elected officials in Wisconsin to pass legislation that will guarantee that ...

- All Wisconsin residents have access to preventive, diagnostic and catastrophic care, and
- Health care coverage in Wisconsin must not be denied based on age, health status, occupation or pre-existing condition, and
- Strategies must be implemented that reduce and contain costs to assure affordable coverage for all individuals and employers, and
- Individuals, employers and government must be required to pay their fair share, and
- Full, free and fair collective bargaining rights must be established with respect to how unions negotiate health care, along with a mechanism for capturing the savings resulting from health care reforms, and

