

MASW Presents Updates on National Health Reform Debate

Older Updates:

[The latest - Missouri perspective on D.C. Debate from Amy Smoucha, Missouri Health Care for All 12/18/2009](#)

Catch up on rapidly changing developments in the U.S. Senate
[Link Here for CBS News: Face the Nation \(12/13/2009\)](#)

Details on Bill to be Debated in U.S. Senate

- [Fact vs. Fiction](#)
- [Section by Section](#)
- [Detailed Summary](#)
- [Short Summary](#)

Courtesy of Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance
11/24/2009

Three Updates From Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance
11/20/2009

- [Consumer FAQ on Reform Bills](#)
- [Coverage & Affordability Provisions of Senate Bill](#)
- [Comparison of House Bill with Senate Bill](#)

[Latest News Digest from Missouri Health Advocacy Alliance](#)
11/17/2009

[Thank Your U.S. Representatives \(If They Voted "Yes"\)](#)
[Call Your U.S. Senators \(Ask for Their "Yes" Vote\)](#)
Missouri Health Care for All
11/13/2009

[Senator McCaskill's Statement on
Healthcare Reform & Medicare](#)

11/04/2009

[Call to Action: Contact Senator
Missouri Health Care for All](#)

11/03/2009

[House Version Proposed
by Speaker of the House](#)

10/29/2009

[Day of Action Photos Slide Show
Missouri Health Care for All](#)

10/26/2009

[Congress May Prevent Legal Immigrants
From Healthcare Reform Benefits](#)

10/23/2009

[Robust Public Option Needed
Hugh McVey, President, MO AFL-CIO](#)

10/20/2009

[Action Alert
From Our Partners at *Community Catalyst*](#)

10/16/2009

[What's at Stake for Working People
Missouri Jobs with Justice](#)

10/08/2009

[Latest From *Cover Missouri*](#)

10/07/2009

[Time to Contact U.S. House Members!
Affordability Charts for House Versions](#)

10/01/2009

[High Cost of Failure:
Missouri and Missourians Will Pay Dearly
If National Healthcare Reform Fails](#)

09/30/2009

[Time to Contact U.S. Senators!](#)

09/28/2009

[Medicaid Coverage Improvements in New Senate Version
Families USA](#)

09/25/2009

[Affordability Charts by Family Size, Income
Families USA](#)

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[Joint Statement on Affordability
AARP, Consumers Union & Other Organizations](#)

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[Getting Affordability Right
Community Catalyst & PICO Network](#)

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[New Senate Version: What It Means For Kids
Georgetown University Center for Children & Families](#)

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[Immigrant Scapegoating Could Deny Care
to People in Our Country Legally](#)

09/24/2009

[Health Co-Ops -- What Are They? Will They Work?](#)

09/17/2009

[Children's Health Coverage - New Report](#)

09/15/2009

[President Obama's Plan](#)

09/09/2009

[Discussing Healthcare Reform Like Adults](#)

09/08/2009

[Majority of Americans Believe Health Care Reform 'Myths'](#)

08/25/2009

[Universal Health Coverage in Nations With Developed Economies](#)

08/24/2009

[Alliance Partners Get Out the Truth About Health Reform](#)

08/24/2009

[Latest Analysis from our partners at Missouri Budget Project](#)

[August 9, 2009](#)

Suggested Reading on Healthcare Policy...

New Analysis of SB 306

["Less Than Meets The Eye," Says Leading Medicaid Expert](#)

New Report: Results of 2005 Medicaid Cuts

[See March 24 reports from Missouri Foundation for Health](#)

Medicaid Help in Federal Stimulus Package

[Read latest analysis](#) of Medicaid help for Missouri in the new Federal Stimulus Package.

USA still Spends More for Less

According a new report from the **Commonwealth Fund**, the United States continues to fall short on key indicators of health outcomes and quality despite spending more on health care than any other industrialized nation. Read [Why Not the Best? The Results from the National Scorecard on US Health System Performance, 2008](#).

Comparative Study of Other Health Care Systems Around the World

An *American College of Physicians* position paper provides a comparative study of cost, quality and outcomes originally published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. [Achieving a High Performance Health Care System with Universal Access: What the United States Can Learn from Other Countries](#)^{PDF}.

Insurance Cost Rising Faster than Incomes

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation commissioned study shows that rises in incomes are being far outpaced by large increases in the cost of health insurance. [Squeezed: How the Cost of Insuring Families are Outpacing Income](#)^{PDF}.

Families USA Report: *Dying For Coverage*

Using data collected from the Institute of Medicine study in 2002 that found 18,000 deaths and the Urban Institute study in 2006 that deaths found 22,000 deaths per year for lack of health coverage, Families USA Families compiled a report that gives a state level report of how many Americans are dying for lack of health coverage. The report demonstrates that **10 Missourians die each week due to lack of coverage**. [View the report here](#)^{PDF}.

Insure Missouri

Governor Blunt's "Insure Missouri" proposal is a step in the right direction to provide publicly subsidized health coverage for at least some of those who have lost Medicaid coverage in the last few years. However, much more will need to be done to restore coverage to all who lost it, let alone provide universal care. For more information, read:

- [Family USA Analysis](#)^{PDF}
- [Initial Analysis by Joel Ferber](#)^{PDF}
- [Proposed Emergency Rule to Implement Phase I of Insure Missouri](#)^{PDF}

[View](#) the list of 2008 legislation MASW followed on Health & Mental Health

The MASW Health Access Project

The project works to educate about health care delivery system inequities and strategies for reform. We believe that any systemic reform must include access to quality health care, including oral health care and mental health care. We support the Institute of Medicine's principles for health care reform:

- Health care coverage should be universal
- Health care coverage should be continuous
- Health care coverage should be affordable to individuals and families.
- The health insurance strategy should be affordable and sustainable to society.
- Health care coverage should enhance health and well-being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered and equitable.

A list of upcoming meetings is available on the [MASW Calendar page](#). A list of related web sites is available on the [MASW Links page](#).

If you are interested in participating in the Health Task Force, please contact [MASW](#).