

Summary report - Miami community meeting, March 9, 2006

Percent	Total A	
		Are you male or female?
35.9%	33	1 Male
64.1%	59	2 Female

Percent	Total B	
		How old are you?
21.2%	18	1 Under 25
24.7%	21	2 25 to 44
38.8%	33	3 45 to 64
15.3%	13	4 Over 65

Percent	Total C	
		Are you Hispanic or Latino?
35.7%	30	1 Yes
59.5%	50	2 No
4.8%	4	3 No Response

Percent	Total D	
		Which of these groups best represents your race?
80.7%	67	1 White
4.8%	4	2 Black or African American
2.4%	2	3 Asian
0.0%	0	4 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
0.0%	0	5 American Indian or Alaska Native
9.6%	8	6 Other
2.4%	2	7 Decline to answer

Percent	Total E	
		What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?
0.0%	0	1 Elementary (grades 1 to 8)
1.2%	1	2 Some high school
2.5%	2	3 High school graduate or GED
24.7%	20	4 Some college
7.4%	6	5 Associate Degree

13.6%	11	6 Bachelor's Degree
50.6%	41	7 Graduate or professional degree
0.0%	0	8 Decline to answer

Percent Total F

What is your primary source of health care coverage?

53.8%	43	1 Employer-based insurance
16.3%	13	2 Self-purchased insurance
1.3%	1	3 Veterans'
10.0%	8	4 Medicare
0.0%	0	5 Medicaid
6.3%	5	6 Other
12.5%	10	7 None
0.0%	0	8 Not sure

Percent Total G

What is your employment status?

20.7%	17	1 Self-employed
39.0%	32	2 Employed - working full time
11.0%	9	3 Employed - working part-time
2.4%	2	4 Not employed / currently looking for work
0.0%	0	5 Homemaker
26.8%	22	6 Other

Percent Total H

Which one of these statements do you think best describes the U.S. health care system today?

59.5%	47	1 It is in a state of crisis
38.0%	30	2 It has major problems
1.3%	1	3 It has minor problems
0.0%	0	4 It does not have any problems
1.3%	1	5 No opinion

Percent Total I

Which one of the following do you think is the MOST important reason to have health insurance?

29.4%	25	1 To pay for everyday medical expenses
70.6%	60	2 To protect against high medical costs

0.0% 0 3 No opinion

Percent Total J

As we consider ways to improve our health care system, what values and/or principles do you believe are fundamental? And which of the following values/principles is most important to you?

25.6%	21	1 Comprehensive health care for all
6.1%	5	2 Equal access
14.6%	12	3 Access as a right
1.2%	1	4 Reality
4.9%	4	5 Empathetic care
20.7%	17	6 Affordability
4.9%	4	7 Universal
8.5%	7	8 Works for everyone (including undocumented)
12.2%	10	9 Quality
1.2%	1	10 Access to specialists

Percent Total K

Should it be public policy that all Americans have affordable health care coverage? [By public policy we mean that the stated public goal is set out in federal or state law.]

91.7%	66	1 Yes
8.3%	6	2 No

Percent Total L

Which of the following statements most accurately represents your views?

		Providing coverage for particular groups of people (e.g. employees, elderly, low-income, etc.) as is the case
10.0%	9	1 now
		Providing a defined level of services for everyone (either by expanding the current system or creating a new
78.9%	71	2 system)
11.1%	10	3 Neither / abstain

Intro Intro M-x

It would be difficult to define a level of services for everyone. A health plan that many people view as “typical” now covers these types of benefits, many of which are subject to copayments and deductibles:

- Preventive Care**—screenings, routine physicals, influenza and pneumonia immunizations, well child care, limited dental care
- Physicians’ Care**—inpatient services, outpatient surgery, related tests, home and office visits, medical - emergency care

- Chiropractic Care
- Maternity Care
- Prescription Drugs
- Hospital/Facility Care—inpatient and outpatient services
- Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse—inpatient and outpatient facility and professional care

How would a basic package compare to this “typical” plan?

Percent	Total M-1	
		Of the most frequent answers the group gave, what would you add?
--	n/a	1 Education
--	n/a	2 Medical nutrition therapy
--	n/a	3 Genetic testing
--	n/a	4 Alternative, holistic medicines
--	n/a	5 Education to reduce obesity
--	n/a	6 Comprehensive dental care
--	n/a	7 Prenatal care
--	n/a	8 Optomology/eye care
--	n/a	9 Palliative hospice care
--	n/a	10 Hearing

Percent	Total M-2	
		Of the most frequent answers the group gave, what would you add?
--	n/a	1 Women's health care (OBGYN)
--	n/a	2 Chronic issues (e.g. cancer)
--	n/a	3 Family planning, STD care
--	n/a	4 Personalized enrollment
--	n/a	5 Accepting existing pre-conditions
--	n/a	6 Basic nutrition / tackling hunger

Percent	Total M-3	
		Of the most frequent answers the group gave, what would you take out?
--	n/a	1 Chiropractic

Rank	Avg. N	
		On a scale of 1 (no input) to 10 (exclusive input), how much input should each of the following have in deciding what is in a basic benefit package?
3rd	4.953	N-1 Federal government

4th	4.522	N-2 State and/or local government
2nd	5.453	N-3 Medical professionals
6th	2.250	N-4 Insurance companies
5th	2.971	N-5 Employers
1st	6.894	N-6 Consumers

Percent Total O-1

What kinds of difficulties have you had in getting access to health care services? And which of these kinds of difficulties is the most important to address?

--	n/a	1 Exclusion of pre-existing conditions
--	n/a	2 Lack of ability to continue with the same doctor
--	n/a	3 Geographical / accessibility
--	n/a	4 High cost of deductibles
--	n/a	5 Fear of immigration (INS)
--	n/a	6 Language barrier
--	n/a	7 Difficulty in getting speciality care
--	n/a	8 Discrepancy in charges between insured and uninsured
--	n/a	9 Legal / liability issues (defensive medicine)
--	n/a	10 Continuation of care for chronically disabled children after the age of 21

Percent Total O-2

What kinds of difficulties have you had in getting access to health care services? And which of these kinds of difficulties is the most important to address?

--	n/a	1 Full public disclosure (lack of information)
--	n/a	2 Mediocre quality of care by local physicians
--	n/a	3 Difficulty in navigating system (cultural)
--	n/a	4 Transportation
--	n/a	5 Ability to find doctors who accept Medicaid
--	n/a	6 High insurance premiums
--	n/a	7 Restrictions by insurance companies on medical professionals
--	n/a	8 Portability of insurance and care job-to-job
--	n/a	9 Overtreatment of funded patients by local physicians
--	n/a	10 Quality of prescription drugs

Percent Total P

Should everyone be required to enroll in basic health care coverage - either private or public?

74.7%	56	1 Yes
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25.3%	19	2 No
Percent	Total Q	
		Should some people be responsible for paying more than others?
63.0%	34	1 Yes
37.0%	20	2 No
Percent	Total R	
		What criteria should be used for making some people pay more?
--	n/a	1 None - everyone should pay the same
--	n/a	2 Family size
--	n/a	3 Health behaviors
--	n/a	4 Income
--	n/a	5 Other
Percent	Total S-1	
		Should public policy continue to use tax rules to encourage employer-based health insurance?
81.1%	43	1 Yes
18.9%	10	2 No
Percent	Total S-2	
		REPOLL: Should public policy continue to use tax rules to encourage employer-based health insurance?
67.4%	31	1 Yes
32.6%	15	2 No
Rank	Avg. T	
		What should the responsibilities of individuals and families be in paying for health care?
--	n/a	1 Everyone should pay
--	n/a	2 Taking care of oneself
--	n/a	3 Everyone pays, but progressively
--	n/a	4 Caregiving for relatives
--	n/a	5 Educate ourselves and not be manipulated
--	n/a	6 Vote
Percent	Total U-1	
		Which of these steps is the most important to take in order to slow the growth of health care costs in America?

--	n/a	1 Get insurance companies out
--	n/a	2 Universal financing
--	n/a	3 Transparency of cost (posted prices)
--	n/a	4 Elimination/reduction of lawsuits (replace with gov't plan)
--	n/a	5 More evidence-based medicine
--	n/a	6 Utilize appropriate level of medical provider
--	n/a	7 Regulate pharmaceutical advertising and cost
--	n/a	8 More gov't accountability in non-health centers
--	n/a	9 More use of family care centers
--	n/a	10 Creative mechanisms for local/state

Percent Total U-2

Which of these steps is the most important to take in order to slow the growth of health care costs in America?

--	n/a	1 Get health back into public schools (K-12)
--	n/a	2 Reduction in provider fraud and abuse
--	n/a	3 Reduce waste in system by using single-payer system
--	n/a	4 Health and physical education and nutrition
--	n/a	5 Increase funding for public health
--	n/a	6 More cures to prevent future illnesses
--	n/a	7 Stricter governmentt controls on genetically engineered foods and pesticides
--	n/a	8 Decrease doctors' fears over getting sued (defensive medicine)
--	n/a	9 Insure everyone
--	n/a	10 Emphasis on prenatal care

Percent Total V

How much more would you personally be willing to pay in a year (in premiums, taxes, or through other means) to support efforts that would result in every American having access to affordable, high quality health care coverage and services?

--	n/a	1 \$0
--	n/a	2 \$1 - \$100
--	n/a	3 \$100 - \$299
--	n/a	4 \$300 - \$999
--	n/a	5 \$1,000 or more
--	n/a	6 Don't know

Percent Total W-x

On a scale from 1 (low) to 10 (high), please rate each of the following public spending priorities to reach the goal of health care that works for all Americans.

7th	6.857	W-1	Guaranteeing that there are enough health care providers, especially in areas such as inner cities & rural areas
4th	8.674	W-2	Investing in public health programs to prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the public in the event of epidemics or disasters
1st	9.360	W-3	Guaranteeing that all Americans have health insurance
8th	6.766	W-4	Funding the development of computerized health information to improve the quality & efficiency of health care
6th	6.929	W-5	Funding programs that help eliminate problems in access to or quality of care for minorities
5th	7.404	W-6	Funding biomedical & technological research that can lead to advancements in the treatment & prevention of disease
2nd	8.795	W-7	Guaranteeing that all Americans get health care when they need it, through public safety net" programs (if they can not afford it)."
3rd	8.741	W-8	Preserving Medicare & Medicaid

Percent Total X

Some believe that fixing the health care system will require tradeoffs from everyone – e.g. hospitals, employers, insurers, consumers, government agencies. What could be done -- and by whom? And which of these trade-offs do you support the most?

--	n/a	1	Abandon state health insurance in favor of more federal
--	n/a	2	Limit liability (in medical malpractice) in exchange for lower cost
--	n/a	3	Give up physician care for midwifery
--	n/a	4	Less end-of-life care in exchange for lower cost
--	n/a	5	Trade off insurance company involvement for more self-management
--	n/a	6	Quantity for quality

Rank Avg. Y-x

If you believe it is important to ensure access to affordable, high quality health care coverage and services for all Americans, which of these proposals would you suggest for doing this? Please rate each of the following proposals on a scale from 1 (low) to 10 (high).

9th	4.224	Y-1	Offer uninsured Americans income tax deductions, credits, or other financial assistance to help them purchase of private health insurance on their own.
4th	6.614	Y-2	Expand state government programs for low-income people (eg. Medicaid & S-CHIP) to provide coverage for more people without health insurance.
10th	3.217	Y-3	Rely on free-market competition among doctors, hospitals, other health care providers and insurance companies rather than having government define benefits and set prices.

3rd	7.860	Y-4 Open up enrollment in national federal programs like Medicare or the federal employees' health benefit program Expand current tax incentives available to employers & their employees to encourage employers to offer
6th	6.022	Y-5 insurance to more workers & families
7th	4.667	Y-6 Require businesses to offer health insurance to their employees
2nd	8.465	Y-7 Expand neighborhood health clinics Create a national health insurance program, financed by taxpayers, in which all Americans would get their
1st	9.043	Y-8 insurance
5th	6.133	Y-9 Require that all Americans enroll in basic health care coverage, either private or public Increase flexibility afforded states in how they use federal funds for state programs (such as Medicaid and S-
8th	4.511	Y-10 CHIP) to maximize coverage