

Voice views on health care

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Wouldn't it be nice to have a conversation with President Bush about the cost of your health insurance? What about sitting down with a member of Congress to explain how you think this country's broken health-care system could be fixed?

Well, you can get the next best thing Saturday in Des Moines, when the Citizens' Health Care Working Group conducts a public meeting. This group was created by Congress and President Bush as part of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. The goal of the 15-member group is to listen to regular Americans' ideas about health care and then make recommendations to Washington based on what they've learned.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Iowans to have a voice in the national health-care debate," said Deb Stehr, a committee member from Lake View.

This country needs that debate — desperately.
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Attend the meeting

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group will host a community meeting at the Des Moines Botanical Center at 9 a.m. Saturday. The meeting is open to the public, but registration is required online at

www.citizenshealthcare.gov. You can also visit the Web site to share your health-care thoughts with President Bush and Congress.

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