

# Health Care Reform

## AND YOU

Being able to see your doctor when you need to is important to your well-being and security. That's why health care reform is an important issue for all Americans.

You've probably heard many concerns about the impact of health care reform legislation on American families. You can go to [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org) or [www.politifact.com](http://www.politifact.com) to learn which statements about health care reform are true and which are not.

Health reform proposals being reviewed by Congress will help ensure you have both the health insurance that meets your needs and a personal physician who can help prevent illness, diagnose and treat problems, and make sure you see other physicians if you need highly specialized treatment or procedures.

The proposals being discussed are important because they will:

- Help guarantee you can get health insurance. The proposals would prevent insurance companies from refusing to cover you because you have an ongoing health problem; from charging higher premiums because of your gender, age or a previous illness; or from dropping you from coverage when you become sick.
- Help middle-class working families pay for the coverage they need, help small businesses pay for employee health benefits, and put a cap on your total out-of-pocket expenses so you won't face bankruptcy if a catastrophic illness or accident strikes.
- Work to increase the number of primary care physicians so you can have a personal doctor for preventive, whole-person care and also get the treatment you need if you get sick.

By making affordable health insurance coverage possible and by increasing the number of primary care doctors, health care reform will give you both the insurance coverage for high-quality health care and a personal physician who can provide that care.

In short, you'll be able to get the right care by the right health care professional at the right time.



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