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The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is convening national thought leaders in a series of events to help develop a new consensus-driven vision for health care in America.

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Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center [Blog](#) continues to offer updates of Health Policy Center activities, and offers an opportunity to keep the health care reform conversation going. In addition, the blog contains links to presentations from and webcasts of events as

A periodic news update from the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center

## Recent Events

### Korsmo Begins Full-Time Role as Executive Director

Jeff Korsmo will now be the full-time executive director of the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center. Korsmo has served in this position in a limited, part-time role while also serving as chief administrative officer (CAO) for Mayo Clinic in Rochester.



The full-time appointment underscores Mayo Clinic's commitment to play an important role in achieving substantive patient-centered health care reform at a national level, as the new president and his administration, Congress, and leadership across multiple sectors focus on this complex and critical issue.

Korsmo brings significant health care and administrative experience to his new role. He has been a member of the Mayo Clinic administrative team from more than 25 years and, in 2002, became CAO of Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Says Korsmo: "The health care reform discussion under way in earnest at the national level presents an urgent and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to

well as questions that were submitted by participants. Log in and check it out.

achieve substantive, patient-centered health care reform. I will continue to work collaboratively with Dr. Denis Cortese and the many others from different sectors around the country who are working to build consensus to create and implement patient-centered reform."

### **Dr. Cortese, Korsmo Author Health Affairs Article**

Denis Cortese, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic, and Jeff Korsmo have authored an article titled "Health Care Reform: Why We Cannot Afford to Fail" that will appear in the [Jan. 16 issue of Health Affairs](#).

### **Dr. Cortese to Appear on C-SPAN "Washington Journal" Jan. 15**

Denis Cortese, M.D., has been invited to appear on "Washington Journal" on [C-SPAN](#) Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. Eastern time. He will talk with Susan Swain about prospects for health care reform, legislation coming up in the 111th Congress, and the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Refining the Federal Health Board Concept**

March 12 — Nashville, Tenn.

This session is part of the Medical Banking Institute annual meeting.

[More information.](#)

### **National Symposium on Health Care Education Reform**

April 26-28 — Rochester, Minn.

[Registration information.](#)

## **News**

For recent articles about health care reform and the Health Policy Center,

check our [news page](#) periodically. If you have articles that should be included, please send a note with the link to [healthpolicycenter@mayo.edu](mailto:healthpolicycenter@mayo.edu).

## Supporting the Health Policy Center

Mayo Clinic has already committed more than \$2 million to this multiyear endeavor. We have secured \$600,000 in philanthropic support. That commitment and support has allowed us, working collaboratively with more than 160 organizations, to begin to build the public and business mandate for change. Additional philanthropic support of at least \$1 million per year is needed to sustain this endeavor and ensure that the patient-centered cornerstones identified thus far continue to resonate as the health care reform discussions unfold in earnest in the months ahead.

We are looking for individuals, corporations and foundations willing to lend their vision and philanthropic support to these efforts. Please contact [Nora O'Sullivan](#) or [Josh Derr](#) for information on how you can contribute to the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center.

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