

Recent Events

Southwest Conference on Health Care Reform

On Sept. 16, Mayo Clinic in Arizona, Arizona State University (ASU) and the Project for Arizona's Future hosted more than 100 leaders in health care at the ASU campus in Tempe for a discussion of health care reform.

Participants in the conference discussed and compared the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center health care reform recommendations within the context of regional health care issues faced by providers, payers, employers and patients throughout Arizona.

See the archived [webcast of the event](#). A written summary will be available soon.

Convention Activities

Denis Cortese, M.D., president and CEO of Mayo Clinic, participated in the [Rocky Mountain Roundtable](#) sponsored by the Democratic Convention Host Committee on Aug. 25 in Denver. Moderated by Sen. Tom Daschle, the roundtable featured leaders from government, insurance, health care, information technology, and business. They discussed what each sector can do to promote health, wellness and prevention.

Jeff Korsmo, chief administrative officer of Mayo Clinic in Rochester and executive director of the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center, participated in a [panel discussing health care reform](#) at the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on Sept. 4 during the Republican Convention in St. Paul. Sens. Bob Bennett of Utah and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota headlined the panel.

Health IT Forum

The Health Policy Center hosted a forum to discuss interoperable health information technology (HIT) on Aug. 21. The subject was a follow-up to recommendations made at the [2008 National Symposium on Health Care Reform](#). A group of nearly 30 experts, including health care providers, information technology representatives, employers, academics and a privacy advocate, discussed how stakeholders could create and use interoperable HIT systems to exchange clinical data that would improve care and benefit patients. See a [summary](#) of the discussion.

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About the Health Policy Center

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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Health Policy Center Blog

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

Upcoming Events

Symposium on Medical Education Reform – April 2009

[Registration](#) is now open for the National Symposium on Medical Education Reform scheduled for April 26-28, 2009, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Participants will help build consensus on changes needed in medical education to best facilitate health care reform. Nationally recognized medical education experts will jump-start discussion at this highly participatory event.

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.

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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