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Executive Summary

Forum 1 - Health Insurance for All

Extending health insurance to all Americans was the focus of the first Health Policy forum in November. After a spirited debate, the [30 participants](#) arrived at consensus on **four action principles**:

1. Redefine the employers' role in providing health insurance.
2. Require individual ownership of health insurance, with sliding-scale subsidies for people with lower incomes.
3. Create an essential package of health care benefits, with the ability to purchase more services.
4. Develop a model of shared responsibility

Read the [executive summary](#) of the forum.

Forum 2 - Improving Health Care Productivity Requires Payment Reform

Reforming the current payment structures to reward quality and value will drive significant improvement in the U.S. health care system, according to the consensus statement of more than 30 health care policy experts who gathered January 22-24 at Harvard University for the second health policy forum. After a lively debate, participants arrived at six action principles.

Read [news release](#).

Coming Events

Date set for 2nd Symposium

January 27-29, 2008

Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, Va.

Mayo's National Health Care Reform symposium brings together major stakeholders in health policy to find common ground on proposals to implement fundamental reform.

See results of [Mayo's first symposium](#) in May 2006.

In the News

Unlikely allies advocate healthcare overhaul

Businesses, unions and others team up to offer proposals to expand insurance coverage.

[LA Times](#)

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Physician Groups Announce Principles for Reforming the U.S. Health Care System

Ten of the nation's leading physician associations have agreed on 11 principles to reform the U.S. health care system.

[American Medical Association](#)

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Patient Voices



In his first job after college, Matt Grinvalsky "braved it" by going without medical insurance. Then he bought a plan, but it excluded asthma, the main reason he wanted insurance. As a new business owner, he found the costs of covering his employees prohibitive. "There has to be a better way," he says about health insurance.

Read [Matt Grinvalsky's](#) story.