

UnitedHealth Group
Providing quality health care to all Americans

Organization Description: UnitedHealth Group is one of the largest health care companies operating in the United States offering a range of health care products and services from managed care to knowledge and information services. Through its UnitedHealthcare, Ovations and AmeriChoice subsidiaries it provides health benefit plans and services to employers and individuals as well as Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries across the country.

Proposal Summary: UnitedHealth Group does not have a publicly stated health reform agenda. Programs offered by UnitedHealthcare demonstrate a strong interest in wellness and prevention as well as evidence-based medicine.

The UnitedHealth Foundation, a charitable arm of UnitedHealth Group, focuses on increasing access to quality health care for all Americans. It supports community clinics and also partners with well-established institutions like Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Health Council to provide evidence-based health education to the general public. United Health Group also has joined the Health Coverage Coalition for the Uninsured (HCCU)¹ to promote principles to reform the U.S. health care system. HCCU's policy priorities include:

- **Coverage:** HCCU's proposal initially aims to remove barriers for children to enroll in established public programs. The plan would also give tax credits to families to help offset the cost of purchasing health insurance for all children. The second phase of the initiative concentrates on expanding Medicaid eligibility to cover all adults with incomes below the federal poverty level. For those with higher incomes, HCCU recommends establishing a refundable tax credit to help cover the cost of private insurance.
- **Cost:** HCCU would fund its proposal through the expansion of public programs and refundable tax credits for individuals.

Proposal Date: 2007

Sources: *United Health, Healthcare Quality*, <http://www.uhc.com/healthcarerends/healthcarequality.htm>; HCCU: Press Release, 2007, http://www.coalitionfortheuninsured.org/news/pressrelease_20070118.html.

¹ The HCCU is comprised of sixteen national organizations that play leading roles in every aspect of federal health policy, including health plans, provider groups, advocacy organizations, a business alliance, and a pharmaceutical manufacturer.