

President Obama and Congress: Make Health Care Equality a Reality



The American Hospital Association applauds President Obama and Congress for making health care reform a priority. But true reform should work for *everyone* — that means eliminating persistent disparities in care for racial and ethnic minorities.

In recent years, these gaps in access to care and quality of care have continued to grow. Now, as the administration and Congress develop a dramatic overhaul of our nation's health care, it should take these key steps toward equal access to affordable, quality care.

- Create incentives for health care providers that serve significant minority populations, and support efforts to improve the quality and timeliness of care.
- Develop and expand the health care workforce of doctors, nurses and other caregivers in minority and underserved communities.
- Improve coverage and access to care for all patients, and invest in training and services to help health care providers deliver culturally competent care.

Broad-based health care reform offers a unique opportunity to correct these disparities. We urge President Obama and Congress to work to make equal access to quality care a reality for all Americans.

Seize this Opportunity to Reform Health Care for Everyone

For the complete letter to President Obama and Congress, visit: www.aha.org/disparities

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