



Health Care For All

MNA has long supported legislation that will provide access to high-quality, affordable health care for all, regardless of income, employment status or health status. While we have made progress toward the goal of universal coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), health care is still unaffordable for many, and insurance company profits still drive the delivery of health care, leading to medical bankruptcies, denial of claims, and higher costs for patients.

State Innovation Waiver

Starting in January of 2017, the ACA will allow states to apply for a “State Innovation Waiver” that would allow them to create their own state health care system, as long as it covers as many people as comprehensively and affordably as the ACA and doesn’t add to the Federal deficit. MNA supports passing legislation to plan a state-based single payer system and to apply for a State Innovation Waiver. Minnesota has led the way in health care innovation for many years, and this is another chance for us to lead the rest of the country toward better health care.

2015 Session: Cost Study

This session MNA will support a bill to investigate whether there is a better health care delivery system Minnesota could implement which would increase access, affordability, and quality of care. One of the systems to be studied would be a comprehensive, universal, single payer system.

What can we do in the meantime?

There are many steps Minnesota could take now without federal approval to move us toward health care for all. Options include

- streamlining current public programs into one,
- extending eligibility for public programs to cover those who still can’t afford health care but don’t meet current requirements,
- creating a public option for anyone to buy into, and
- taking back the funding and administration of public programs from HMOs and returning it to the state to create savings and accountability for public health care dollars.