

R2008-03: A Resolution Concerning Health Care

Resolved, this 134th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio supports health care reform that incorporates the following principles:

- Health care including mental health care should be available to all persons in the United States;
- Access to health care should be continuous;
- Health care should be affordable for individuals, families, and businesses;
- National and state health care policy should be affordable and sustainable for society;
- Health care should enhance health and well-being by promoting access to high-quality care that is effective, efficient, safe, timely, patient-centered and equitable;
- Health care providers should not be expected to assume a disproportionate share of the cost of providing health care;

and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention will support:

- Reforms consistent with the Principles, including measures that promote fairness and affordability, and improve efficiency;
- Measures that provide financial support for insurance coverage and health care;
- Funding and policies that reflect shared responsibilities among public and private interests, including individuals, families, business, health care providers, insurers, and government;
- Measures that improve access and quality and promote efficient and effective use of the health care dollar;
- Accountability and transparency in health spending;

and be it further

Resolved, that this Convention refer this Resolution to the Social Justice and Public Policy Network Committee to advise the Diocesan Council – as the convention

between convention – and the bishops on the status of health care legislation and to advise whether particular legislation should be considered for endorsement.