

Participant Survey

1. What do you perceive is the biggest problem in the health system?
 - a. Cost of health insurance – 12 (35%)
 - b. Cost of health services – 5 (15%)
 - c. Difficulty finding health insurance due to a pre-existing condition – 3 (9%)
 - d. Lack of emphasis on prevention – 10 (29%)
 - e. Quality of health care – 2 (6%)
 - f. Other comments:
 - Lack of single payer system with universal care
 - Lack of cooperation
 - Lack of personal responsibility
 - Profit organizations: pharmaceuticals, insurance
 - Unable to get primary care physician
 - For profit insurance does not work

2. What do you think is the best way for policy makers to develop a plan to address the health system problems?
 - a. Community meetings like these – 20 (53%)
 - b. Traditional town hall meetings – 1 (3%)
 - c. Surveys that solicit ideas on reform – 2 (5%)
 - d. A white House Health Care Summit – 9 (24%)
 - e. Congressional hearings on C-SPAN – 1 (3%)
 - f. Other comments:
 - All of the above – 5 (13%)
 - Incentivise cooperation and effectiveness
 - Work with health professionals, not attorneys
 - Pass the Community Choice Act Bill

3. After this discussion, what additional input and information would best help you to continue to participate in this great debate?
 - a. More background information on problems in the health system – 2 (6%)
 - b. More information on solutions for health reform – 20 (56%)
 - c. More stories on how the system affects real people – 2 (6%)
 - d. More opportunities to discuss the issues - 12 (33%)

Local question: What do you feel is La Plata County's most pressing health care issue?

- a. Access to affordable health insurance – 5 (22%)
- b. Lack of primary care physicians and mid-level providers who accept Medicare, Medicaid, and uninsured patients – 17 (74%)
- c. Wait time to see specialty providers – 0
- d. Lack of primary care satellite clinics outside of Durango but within La Plata County – 0
- e. Access to dental care and/or mental health care – 0
- f. Availability of wellness programs – 1 (4%)

g. Other:

- Lack of prevention for mental health issues
- Lack of primary care accepting insurance as well as public insurance and the uninsured
- Lack of affordable optical care
- Adequate reimbursement for hospitals and providers
- Freedom of selection and affordable costs
- Freedom of choice for both health care providers and patients
- Uninsured and all without money have no health care and end up in the emergency room