



Minnesota Health Plan (SF 118 / HF 135): Principles for Health Care Reform

In order to keep Minnesotans healthy and provide the best quality of health care, our health care system must:

- (1) Ensure all Minnesotans receive high quality health care, regardless of their income;
- (2) Not restrict, delay, or deny care or reduce the quality of care to hold down costs, but instead reduce costs through prevention, efficiency, and reduction of bureaucracy;
- (3) Cover all necessary care, including all coverage currently required by law, complete mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, dental care, long-term care, and home care services;
- (4) Allow patients to choose their own providers;
- (5) Be funded through premiums and other payments based on the person's ability to pay, so as not to deny full access to any Minnesotan;
- (6) Focus on preventive care and early intervention to improve the health of all Minnesotans and reduce costs from untreated illnesses and diseases;
- (7) Ensure an adequate number of qualified health care professionals and facilities to guarantee availability of, and timely access to quality care throughout the state;
- (8) Continue Minnesota's leadership in medical education, training, research, and technology; and
- (9) Provide adequate and timely payments to providers.