

LEADERSHIP SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE

Five guiding principles

1. Protect what is working and fix what is broken.
2. Repair the safety net for the truly needy.
3. Solutions are not partisan, and all good ideas must be considered.
4. Break down government-created barriers.
5. Protect our freedoms and limit government growth.

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10 Solutions for a Healthier Washington

Purchasing health care plans approved in other states

- ✘ Citizens should be allowed to choose from a wide variety of health care plans from other states.
- ✘ House Bill 1871 did not receive a committee hearing.

New choices for small employers (small group reform)

- ✘ Small employers want more health care options and state government should not be a barrier to choice. Core benefit plans will control costs and keep more people insured.
- ✘ House Bill 1868 did not receive a committee hearing.

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Young adult plans

- ✘ Young adults ages 19 to 34 should be allowed to purchase cost-effective plans that meet their needs and budgets.
- ✘ House Bill 1866 did not receive a committee hearing.

Comprehensive medical malpractice reform

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for state employees

- ✘ Provide state employees with a voucher option for an HSA since the governor refuses to implement House Bill 1383 from 2006.
- ✘ House Bill 1870 did not receive a committee hearing.

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Encourage and incentivize health care innovation

- ✘ Repealing the so-called certificate of need would allow more options and choices.
- ✘ House Bill 1867 did not receive a committee hearing.

Allow core benefit plans

- ✘ Citizens would be allowed a choice of plans with various levels of benefits.
- ✘ House Bill 1865 did not receive a committee hearing.

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Cutting taxes on health care plans

- ✘ The 2 percent insurance premium tax would be repealed for HSAs, and small employers and self-employed individuals would receive a tax credit for providing health insurance.
- ✘ House Bill 1872 did not receive a committee hearing.

State constitutional amendment to protect the rights of residents to make their own health care choices

- ✘ Based on an American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) model act and a bill that has been proposed in Arizona.

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Basic Health Plan (BHP) reform

- ✘ Citizens should not be limited to a state plan when more cost-effective private market options are available. Transform the BHP into a premium-subsidy program for legal residents ages 35 to 64.
- ✘ Reduce BHP costs by more than 50 percent and save the state more than \$300 million in a budget cycle.
- ✘ Strengthen our safety net and ensure quality health care for vulnerable citizens.
- ✘ Align state government to an appropriate role: helping people who truly need it.
- ✘ [House Bill 2169](#) did not receive a committee hearing.

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Outcomes

- + Lower health care costs.
- + More choices for health care.
- + Increased access to health care.
- + State's safety net is strengthened.