

Why We Need Just Health Care

Evaluating Proposals for Reform

Questions to Ask the Candidates

As the health care reform debate continues, you can evaluate any proposals for change by asking the following types of questions of political candidates:

- ★ Does your proposal guarantee the right to health care for everyone in the United States? Will everyone in my family be covered by the same plan? Does it cover me if I am unemployed or change jobs?
- ★ Does it include comprehensive, quality care? Are the following covered: doctor visits, hospitalization, specialists, prescription drugs, preventive care, dental and vision care, and long-term care?
- ★ Who decides which doctor or provider I have to use in the plan? Can I pick my doctor or hospital?
- ★ How is this plan financed? Is there progressive financing with people contributing based on their ability to pay?
- ★ Does your proposal for health care reform cut administrative waste and eliminate insurance company profiteering? Are there global budgets for the health care system?
- ★ Is the plan easy to use? Have useless forms and paperwork been eliminated?
- ★ Why do you think your proposal is equitable, rational, and cost-effective?
- ★ Is there a mechanism for providing a just transition and support to those who become unemployed because of changes in the insurance industry?

Finally, when writing to a candidate or asking questions in person, be sure to offer the candidate information on Just Health Care which is available on our campaign website at www.justhealthcare.org.