

HEALTH SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION



Improving the health care system changes how doctors work and how they are paid. It pays for good treatment based on quality and evidence rather than volume. And it results in better health outcomes for patients.

Families USA is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the achievement of high-quality, affordable health care for all Americans. We partner with organizations and individuals across the entire spectrum of the health care community to achieve our mission.

High-quality health care: Better care, better outcomes

Improving the health care system is good for America.

America spends more on health care as a percentage of GDP than any other industrialized nation. This spending is unsustainable. It also hampers our ability to fund our nation's top priorities, such as education. And it impedes our country's ability to compete in the global economy.

High-quality health care providers use evidence to provide the best treatment to patients, who benefit from better health outcomes as a result.

People are healthier when they get the right care, in the right setting, at the right time. Health system reform changes how doctors work and how they are paid. It rewards doctors who rely on evidence to prescribe treatment rather than their individual perspective. And it eliminates the costly—often harmful—practice of paying doctors based on the volume of services they provide.

Health system reform reduces costs.

When health care professionals coordinate the care they give patients *and* partner with patients to make decisions, patients get better health outcomes and fewer unnecessary or harmful treatments. Health care spending goes down as well.

Families USA is working to improve the health care system for everyone.

We're focusing on:

Payment reform: Ensuring that doctors are rewarded for high-quality, effective, evidence-based treatment

Consumer incentives: Rewarding patients for choosing high-quality health care professionals and pursuing treatments that are proven to work

Evidence generation: Building a better evidence base for treatments so that we know what works and for whom