



MAYO CLINIC HEALTH POLICY CENTER

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About the Health Policy Center

The Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center is convening national thought leaders in a series of events to help develop a new consensus-driven vision for health care in America.

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Health Policy Center Blog

Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center [Blog](#) continues to offer updates of Health Policy Center activities, and offers an opportunity to keep the health care reform conversation going. In addition, the blog contains links to presentations from and webcasts of events as well as questions that were submitted by participants. Log in and check it out.

Cortese Speaks at National Press Club Sept 18

Denis Cortese, M.D., president and CEO, Mayo Clinic, will address the National Press Club on Friday, Sept. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. (CDT). The title of his talk will be "Great Expectations: What Lawmakers Must Do to Reform U.S. Health Care." See [National Press Club Web site](#).

Mayo Clinic Perspectives on Health Care Reform

Paying for Value is fundamental

As health care reform deliberations ramp up again, Mayo Clinic wants to take this opportunity to clarify our perspectives on this critical effort. The Leadership Perspective lays out the path we believe health care reform needs to take to ensure high-quality, affordable, accessible health care for all. It is our current take on the health care reform issues of the day, including paying for value, insuring everyone, Medicare reform and the facts about end-of-life care.

[Read Leadership Perspective document.](#)

Sens. Klobuchar, Franken Visit Mayo Rochester Campus

Minnesota Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken spent part of their August recess at Mayo Clinic's Rochester campus. Sen. Klobuchar participated in a roundtable discussion on health care reform with Mayo physicians and health care professionals on Aug. 7. She heard about examples of pay for value in practice at Mayo, and said that she would share the information with her colleagues when she returned to Washington. Sen. Franken toured Mayo facilities and heard about how Mayo works with the surrounding community to ensure quality health care and a strong economic base in southeastern Minnesota.

Mayo Alumni Meet with Members in Home Districts

In August, Mayo Clinic alumni physicians met with over a dozen members of Congress and/or their staffs to share their views on health care reform. Alumni met with representatives in Arizona, Iowa, Massachusetts, Oregon, Florida, and Utah. The physicians talked about how reforms, such as improving access and paying for value, will improve the quality of health care. Additional meetings among alumni and their members of Congress will continue into the fall.

Commonwealth Fund Publishes Mayo Clinic Case Study

A study of Mayo's model of integrated care was featured in the Commonwealth Fund's August edition. The study, written by Douglas McCarthy, Kimberly Mueller and Jennifer Wrenn of Issues Research, Inc., discusses how Mayo's team-oriented patient care and salary-based compensation system contribute to its focus on quality outcomes for patients.

[Read the case study.](#)

News Coverage

A sampling of stories featuring Mayo Clinic. Visit the Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center Web pages for [a complete list of stories](#).

Paging Dr. Reform

Washington Post
Aug. 20

David Ignatius writes that the country needs a medical commander — a professional who can break through the political chaff and describe a strategy for reform that can unite the country — and recommends Denis Cortese, M.D., for the role.

Dr. Cortese on Charlie Rose Show

July 24

Mayo Clinic President and CEO Denis Cortese, M.D., discussed a vision for health care repair on the Charlie Rose Show in late July.

Mayo Clinic Hopes to Spread Model of Medical Efficiency

Minnesota Public Radio
July 5

President Obama's Speech

CNN
July 1

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July 1

More Data + Less Care = Lower Cost + Better Health

Time Magazine
June 29

Questions for the President: Prescription for America

ABC News: Primetime Special
June 24

Fixing Health Care Starts with the Doctors

Washington Post
June 10

Health Caring: Health Care Less Expensive in Jacksonville Vs. State, But ...

Florida Times-Union
June 9

Using Value to Curb Health Costs

Washington Post
June 6

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