

Texas Medical Association House Call Survey Results

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Statements on Health System Reform	Denton	Austin	Houston	Plano/ McKinney	Dallas	Tyler	Beaumont	San Antonio	Corpus Christi	Lubbock	Fort Worth	Wichita Falls	Greenville	McAllen	El Paso
The growing number of uninsured patients in Texas (currently, 1 in 4 Texans are uninsured) is a major problem and must be fixed.	71%	86%	76%	65%	87%	59%	62%	63%	77%	67%	89%	71%	53%	95%	94%
Before the government provides another health care program, Medicare should be improved so more physicians can take new Medicare patients.	76%	41%	70%	85%	71%	81%	80%	63%	67%	77%	57%	64%	74%	51%	81%
Medicaid should be better funded so more poor Americans can receive health care.	72%	77%	66%	48%	74%	56%	57%	55%	72%	57%	70%	64%	52%	56%	81%
Any health system reform should allow patients to choose their own doctor	97%	91%	97%	96%	95%	97%	94%	96%	97%	97%	92%	93%	97%	98%	97%
Any health system reform should allow patients the choice to stay with their current doctor	99%	90%	95%	94%	95%	98%	94%	98%	97%	98%	98%	100%	99%	77%	97%
Any health system reform should ensure patients still can receive high quality health care.	97%	95%	100%	97%	92%	96%	99%	96%	90%	100%	97%	100%	99%	98%	94%
Health system reform should not penalize doctors for referring patients to their own hospitals or to sonogram, CAT scans, MRIs or other testing equipment the doctor owns.	63%	51%	68%	75%	66%	79%	79%	62%	59%	72%	67%	78%	76%	28%	71%
Americans earning more than \$250,000 should pay additional taxes to help pay for health system reform	18%	57%	34%	27%	37%	19%	17%	28%	36%	16%	51%	42%	22%	56%	42%
Americans should be required to get health insurance	24%	45%	49%	32%	61%	25%	27%	41%	36%	31%	41%	38%	20%	44%	55%
You should have to pay a penalty if you do not have health insurance	16%	30%	28%	23%	37%	20%	17%	24%	26%	20%	38%	29%	15%	23%	39%
Businesses should be required to provide health insurance to their employees	21%	31%	33%	28%	39%	17%	23%	29%	26%	18%	17%	47%	27%	63%	45%
Business should be pay a penalty if they do not provide health insurance to their employees	19%	30%	28%	25%	37%	14%	15%	19%	18%	13%	22%	40%	23%	37%	32%
Tax credits should be made available to businesses and patients to help offset the cost of buying health insurance	88%	76%	83%	89%	82%	82%	81%	74%	79%	84%	79%	91%	82%	70%	84%
The government should get more involved in providing health insurance to Americans	18%	64%	41%	24%	39%	16%	17%	32%	33%	21%	49%	38%	13%	67%	52%
The government is efficient and effective at managing health care programs	10%	44%	17%	3%	8%	10%	10%	21%	13%	7%	29%	29%	5%	56%	23%
The government is capable of reducing and holding down health care costs	15%	56%	33%	20%	32%	13%	18%	28%	26%	18%	38%	38%	18%	63%	42%

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