

United Solutions for Care GOAL: DEPENDABLE COVERAGE

United States of Care is building a better future for the health care system.

We champion fair and commonsense policy changes to meet people's urgent needs. In a system that people feel is unfair and profit-driven, our goal is simple: Ensure that every person can access health care, regardless of who they are, how much money they make, or where they live.

Based on what people need and want from the system, we have created a one-of-a-kind roadmap of a dozen smart and targeted solutions to the most pressing and urgent challenges people face with the health care system.

United Solutions for Care is a set of twelve concrete and achievable aims to help us build a fairer system — one that doesn't leave anyone bankrupt when they need care. We've grouped those solutions into four major goals — that people's care is affordable, their coverage is dependable, their care is personalized, and that the system is understandable. Let's work toward a future where people can DEPEND on their health coverage.

Solutions for Dependable Health Care Coverage

Our conversations with people across the country provide insight into their <u>need for dependable coverage</u>. People hope for the freedom to live their lives as they wish, and they need to be able to depend on their coverage when they do so. We're working for policies that will begin **providing security and freedom in coverage as life changes. Those include:**

SOLUTION 1

Providing new, low-cost coverage options that also increase competition, including by allowing individuals and small businesses to access health a high quality, dependable, more affordable, and government-regulated option for health insurance.

SOLUTION 2

Allowing people to use tax credits to get coverage outside of their employer, if their employer coverage is too expensive, doesn't meet their needs, or doesn't extend to family members.

SOLUTION 3

Expanding eligibility for public programs, so that more people qualify for coverage through Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

United Solutions for Care - Goal 2: Dependability

Achieving our shared goals will make the system better for us all. **United Solutions for Care** includes **TWELVE TARGETED SOLUTIONS** that will address people's pain points with the health care system, and provide more fairness and financial peace of mind. Achieving these shared goals will move us closer to a system where every person can access health care, regardless of who they are, how much money they make, or where they live.

> **14.6 million** individuals lost coverage during the pandemic due to job losses Source: Commonwealth Fund, October 2020

Far too many people cannot count on their coverage. People are concerned that changes in their job, age, or health status, among other things, could cause them to lose their coverage. We need to ensure that people can afford their insurance plans, and know that it will cover their needs and the needs of their family.



Providing new, low-cost coverage options that also increase competition: 86% support

Allowing individuals and small businesses to access high-quality, dependable, and more affordable coverage, such as through public health insurance options, can help to increase competition and make coverage more accessible to all.

86% support overall. Includes the support of 82% of people of color. Supported by 84% of Democrats, 65% of Independents, and 60% of Republicans.



Allowing people to use tax credits to get coverage outside of their employer: 78% support

The health care system needs to do a better job of meeting the needs of those that have historically received coverage through their employer, especially if their employer coverage is too expensive, doesn't meet their needs, or doesn't extend to family members.

78% support overall. Includes the support of 80% of people of color, 77% of rural residents, and 77% of lower income participants. Supported by 84% of Democrats, 72% of Independents, and 73% of Republicans.



Expanding eligibility for public programs: 73% support

For many people, expanded eligibility for public programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and CHIP would ensure their coverage is more dependable and affordable.

73% support overall. Includes the support of 82% of people of color, 71% of rural residents, and 78% of lower income participants. Supported by 87% of Democrats, 70% of Independents, and 60% of Republicans.

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I like that it will make healthcare available to more people which creates more equality.

Research participant with private insurance

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It's a fantastic idea to make sure that everyone has a form of coverage, while not worrying about revamping the entire system.

Research participant with public health insurance