



Organizational Information

Georgians for a Healthy Future was established in 2008 with a mission to build and mobilize a unified voice, vision and leadership to achieve a healthy future for all Georgians. Through health policy analysis, legislative advocacy, and citizen engagement, we strive toward a future where all Georgians can access timely, appropriate and affordable healthcare, resulting in better outcomes and a healthier community.

Our work is broadly organized around the following issues:

- **Coverage:** We advocate public policies to extend healthcare coverage to more Georgians. The role that health insurance plays in obtaining necessary care is clear and documented, yet 1.6 million Georgians - 18 percent of the state's population - lack health insurance.
- **Access:** We support measures to expand access to essential health care services. In addition to access to health insurance, structural components of the healthcare system, including the number and geographic distribution of primary care providers, care coordination and medical homes, and the availability of trauma and acute care services all impact the utilization of necessary medical services.
- **Affordability:** We advocate for healthcare affordability. In 2007, more than 1.1 million Georgians reported not seeing a doctor in the previous 12 months because of the cost. Healthcare costs have been outpacing overall inflation and wage growth, placing significant strain on family budgets, employers, and government.
- **Quality:** We believe that Georgia can significantly improve the quality of healthcare within our state. Georgia ranked towards the bottom in a recent nationwide state scorecard of health system performance, yet the evidence is clear that the receipt of timely and appropriate screenings, preventive services, and treatments can result in earlier diagnoses, coordinated care, better health outcomes, and overall savings for both consumers and the state.
- **Health Reform:** We advocate for comprehensive health reform in Georgia. Increased coverage, expanded access, affordability standards, and high quality are essential to ensuring a healthy future for all Georgians. We are committed to proactively developing policy ideas that address our state's health care challenges and will advocate on behalf of Georgia's health care consumers to implement these ideas.

For more information, visit www.HealthyFutureGA.org. Up-to-the-minute insight on health policy and advocacy in Georgia can be found out our blog, www.HealthyDebateGA.org.