



# Iowa Human Needs Advocates



## Guiding Principles for Health Care Reform in Iowa:

1. Quality health care is a basic human right, not a privilege to which only some groups of people have access.
2. We all share a common responsibility to ensure that families have the quality health care they need, when they need it, at a fair and reasonable cost.
3. Health care coverage should be seamless, accessible, and portable, including for all people with “pre-existing” conditions.
4. Health care coverage must include the prevention, treatment, and management of illness and disease, as well as the preservation of mental and physical well-being, through services for all Iowans offered by health professionals. All reforms must include prescription drug coverage, access to acute care services, the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, mental health treatment, access to wellness programs, and long-term care in one’s community.
5. All health care reforms must move us toward the goal of health care for all.
6. The costs of health care coverage should be determined by ability to pay.
7. There should be effective health reforms tailored to the specific needs of children, immigrants, people with disabilities, refugees, minorities, and farm families.
8. Health care coverage and the delivery of health care services must be simple to understand and easy to use.
9. Health care reforms should always broaden “risk pools,” to include all individuals regardless of health status.
10. Health care decisions should be made by the individual and his or her health care professionals.

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## **IOWA HUMAN NEEDS ADVOCATES 2007**

The Iowa Human Needs Advocates (IHNA) is a coalition of the following professional, service, church, labor, and advocacy organizations.

American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
Aging Resources of Central Iowa  
ASK Resource Center  
Child and Family Policy Center  
Cross Ministries  
Equality Iowa  
Every Child Counts  
Every Child Matters in Iowa  
Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council  
Home, Inc.  
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa Action Fund  
Iowa Coalition for Housing & the Homeless  
Iowa Citizen Action Network  
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women  
Iowa Community Action Association  
Iowa Conference United Methodist Church  
Iowa Federation of Labor  
Iowa for Health Care  
Iowa Friends of Legal Services  
Iowans for Sensible Priorities  
Justice Reform Consortium  
League of Women Voters  
Lutheran Services in Iowa  
Middleton Center for Children's Rights  
National Association of Social Workers – Iowa Chapter  
National Catholic Rural Life Conference  
RESULTS  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Visiting Nurse Services  
West Des Moines Human Services  
Women for Change

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