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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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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