

LCDC Resolution

Health Care Reform

Resolution approved March 23, 2006

LCDC supports health care reform that establishes
single-payer health insurance for all PA residents:

Whereas: the Democratic Party supports access to affordable, quality and complete healthcare for all citizens

Whereas: the Democratic Party supports the freedom to choose doctors and hospitals for all citizens

Whereas: the Democratic Party believes no citizen should have to choose between medical care/medications and other life necessities

Whereas: the Democratic Party believes no citizen should be forced into bankruptcy due to medical bills

Whereas: at least one million Pennsylvanians have no health insurance at all and millions more have insurance that is inadequate for their needs

Whereas: Pennsylvania spends significantly more per capita on health care than many other states

Whereas: *Health Care Reform* would provide numerous benefits to the citizens and businesses of PA including:

- The prices for medications would decrease for Pennsylvanians due to the state purchasing in large quantities
- The economy of PA would benefit from a healthy workforce
- The economy of PA would benefit from a mobile workforce free to move from job to job without fear of losing health benefits
- Workers' compensation insurance premiums would drop dramatically
- Automobile insurance prices would decrease
- Physicians would have more time to devote to patients due to less time-consuming insurance paperwork
- Physicians would be assured of 100% collection for services rendered
- PA businesses would be more competitive without the burden of health care premiums.

Whereas: the Democratic Party is optimistic legislation can be crafted that provides the means to achieve the benefits stated above:

Therefore be it resolved:

1. LCDC supports healthcare reform that establishes single-payer health insurance for all PA residents.

The LCDC authorizes the Issues Committee to implement methods that will advocate this position throughout Lancaster County.