

NATIONAL COMMISSION TO REDESIGN HEALTHCARE

An Effort to Establish a National Commission to Recommend
Policies to Redesign U.S. Healthcare Delivery and Payment

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Over the past two years over a dozen leading healthcare organizations from across the country, including ProMedica, Tucson Medical Center, Denver Health, Intermountain, Legacy, Methodist, and RWJ Barnabas, have been advocating before the Congress and the administration for significant health care policy reform, in part, by calling for the creation of a National Commission on Healthcare Reform.

Our motivation is uncomplicated. Well before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were adamant that one's age, race or economic circumstances should not amount to a pre-existing condition. "We do not we accept the premise that Americans should remain resigned to live shorter lives in poorer health," stated Randy Oostra, President and CEO of ProMedica, and founder of this initiative.

To forward our goal, we have begun posting a series of eight interviews with nationally recognized healthcare policy experts to discuss needed healthcare reforms. These interviews will go beyond Medicare policy to include healthcare pricing, long-term care and the social determinants of health. David Introcaso, Ph.D., Vice President, Regulatory Policy, Strategic Health Care conducted the interviews.

"It is our hope these policy reform discussions will help inform the Biden administration, Congressional members and committee staff as they work to craft legislation and federal regulations to improve healthcare delivery and financing," stated Oostra.

The first interview is with Dr. Steven Woolf, Professor of Population Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Woolf, who served as lead author for the National Academies of Science's 2013 report, [US Health in International Perspective](#), discusses our country's health disadvantage, or the extent to which Americans are throughout their lifespan comparatively more disease burdened resulting in comparatively shorter life expectancy.

We invite you to listen to and/or read the transcripts of all eight interviews. The audio files, transcripts and opportunity to provide comment are found at:

<https://commissiononhealthcare.org/>.

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Thank you.