



## **THE STATE CHAMBER OF OKLAHOMA** LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES FOR BUSINESS

### **The State Chamber of Oklahoma Policy On National Health Care Reform**

The American people want and deserve a health care system that offers affordability and provides accessibility, portability and quality. Congress is currently working on legislation to reform the nation's health care system. The primary point of contention is whether Washington should control health care financing and delivery or whether a system based on private enterprise should prevail.

The State Chamber of Oklahoma recognizes the need to reform our health care system to make it more affordable, more accessible and more portable. However, The State Chamber believes that endangering the system that offers the highest quality health care in the world by creating a publically run health care delivery system which would deny, delay and ration treatment makes no sense.

Therefore, The State Chamber of Oklahoma opposes:

- A government sponsored health insurance plan that would compete with private insurers;
- A government run, single payer health care system which would reduce the availability of consumer options; reduce the quality of those entering the health care profession; and, would not promote the competition necessary to ensure excellence; and
- Taxation of employer-provided health care.

Further, The State Chamber urges Congress and the White House to work within the current system to design reforms and incentives that will bring about needed improvements in our health care delivery system.