

American Academy of Neurology Professional Association Health Care Reform Principles

The American Academy of Neurology Professional Association supports the following
Principles for Health Care Reform:

- **Portable and continuous** health care coverage for all Americans regardless of pre-existing conditions
- Enhanced **reimbursement for face-to-face, patient-centered care** while removing the perverse **incentives favoring procedures** over spending time with patients
- **Replacement of the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate** formula with a system that reflects the real cost of treating Medicare beneficiaries
- **Medical liability reforms** to reduce the cost of premiums and defensive medicine
- Preservation of the **physician patient relationship** including independent medical decision-making and patient access to needed treatments
- **Quality programs** that are evidenced based, contribute to improved patient care, relatively easy to implement, and not administratively burdensome or complicated
- Incentives to assist large and small or solo neurology practices in the **implementation of e-technology**
- Well-designed **comparative effectiveness research (CER)** that promotes high-quality evidenced care