

Health Care Reform Talking Points, "Sicko"  
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- The June, 2007 release of filmmaker Michael Moore's film "Sicko", serves as a platform to re-invigorate the national debate on health care reform among all of the 2008 US Presidential Candidates.
- ANA has a long track record – a period of 17 years – of supporting a restructured health care system that would ensure universal access to a standard package of essential health care services.
- ANA's comprehensive strategy for government, industry, consumers and health care providers to achieve health care reform supports, as the most preferred form, a single-payer mechanism; However, ANA supports multiple reform efforts that will lead to truly universal, affordable, accessible, high-quality health care.
- ANA believes health coverage is a basic human right.
- By serving as one of the founding partners of Cover the Uninsured Week, ([www.covertheuninsured.org](http://www.covertheuninsured.org)) ANA has, for the last five years, advocated on behalf of those 115 million people – one-third of Americans - who are uninsured and underinsured.
- ANA believes that patients must be the central focus of the health care system. The ultimate determining factor in the restructuring and delivery of healthcare programs and services should be patients' actual needs, not the expediency for insurers or providers.
- ANA believes we must refocus priorities and resources on wellness, prevention and health education.
- Healthcare services should be restructured to create a better balance between the prevailing orientation toward illness and cure and a new commitment to wellness care.
- ANA advocates for reshaping and redirecting the nation's health care system away from the overuse of expensive, technology-driven, acute, hospital-based services to a new model in which a balance is struck.