



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SHOULD INCLUDE PUBLIC HEALTH DESIGNED TO PREVENT CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND DISABILITY

A health care should include effective public health that can prevent diminished health that can lead to disability.

A forum was held on the health care agenda for the 111th Congress. The speaker at the forum was a Senior Advisor on Health to the Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. The meeting was attended by health care policy advocates for persons with low incomes

Summary

Health care consumer advocates are calling for a health care system to meet the *Four A Test:* "adequate affordable healthcare for all, all of the time. If the benefit package is inadequate to meet human health needs or it is not affordable the other two standards for all, all of the time are bogus. At the heart of costs of the healthcare system are the 20% of Americans that consume 80% of healthcare costs, mainly because of multiple chronic health conditions. There are many public health functions that need consideration that are not reimbursable medical health care expenses. Some of these public health functions are non-toxic air, uncontaminated water, controlled toxic waste including nuclear waste, efforts to control unintentional injuries, violence prevention, healthy lifestyles and others.

Disability Prevention Issue,

Prerequisite to the prevention of on set of many chronic health conditions is an effective public health system, which has as its mission to prevent diminished health and disability.

All aspect of public health should be considered, particularly social determinants of public health, to build an effective health care system.

Intervention,

A letter was sent to the senior advisor of the Senate Health Education Labor and Pension Committee encouraging a health care system that is adequate, affordable for all people all of the time that includes an effective public health system to prevent disability

Recommendation

A health care system should meet the *Four A Test:* "adequate affordable healthcare for all, all of the time that includes effective non-reimbursable medical health care through social determinants of public health.