

CITIZENS FOR HEALTH

CITIZEN ACTION FOR QUALITY AFFORDABLE
HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

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We provide a framework for meaningful citizen dialogue, built on the foundation of respect, facts and dedication to American democracy and values.

We organize, educate and provide tools for citizen engagement both locally and nationally, with politicians, stakeholders and special interests.

Dear friends, family, colleagues and fellow citizens,

We are inviting you to join us for an experiment, an experiment that could save your life, the life of a loved one and certainly lives of our fellow citizens.

Here are a few facts.

47 million Americans are without healthcare insurance. (This number is likely to change dramatically depending on the November election results. If Obama/Biden are reelected the number is forecasted to be 23 million. If Romney/Ryan win the number is likely to be 72 million)

90 thousand Americans die and many more suffer injuries because of preventable medical errors in encounters with the medical system.

\$2.7 trillion spent providing the best medical care for some, yet, overall our outcomes are less than nations who spend half as much, and many Americans cannot afford life saving care they need.

\$750 billion of the money spent in our healthcare system provide no objective improved health outcomes.

\$872 billion of the \$3.8 trillion 2013 federal budget (24.3 percent of budget) is spent on government associated health programs. Based on current projections, the increase in the cost of federal health care will consume the entire federal budget.

It is clear to most Americans that politicians, driven by their need to serve small ideological groups and well funded interest groups, will not help us achieve the needed solutions.

What is needed is a different approach. We need a "treatment plan" that asks the right question.

How can we all, patients, doctors and health care institutions; citizens, non-for profit organizations and government; consumers and the "private" sector corporations; achieve a sustainable system that provides access to quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans?

This is where our experiment comes in, we are testing the idea that citizen engagement is important to address the challenges facing our healthcare system.

How we do it

We start with a vision and actively work to overcome the barriers that stand in the way to achieve it. [Learn more about our plans.](#)

We would like you to join our efforts

The success of **Citizens4Health** depends on you. There are many ways to support this movement; we want to make sure your contribution fits your level of interest and time, skill, or other factors. You can make a meaningful contribution in as little as five minutes a week! [Click here to find ways to participate.](#)

Perhaps the best way for you to start contributing would be to forward this e-mail to your friends, family, colleagues, and anyone who can be part of our effort. We would love to hear any ideas you may have. Together, we can improve our healthcare system, save lives and change the dysfunctional political environment that has infected our nation.

Please OPT-IN to our [newsletter](#) to continue receiving communications from Citizens4Health. You can also stay up-to-date through liking us on [Facebook](#) and subscribing to our [Twitter feed](#).

Make your voice heard. The life you save may be your own or that of a loved one.

Sincerely,
Your fellow citizens at, Citizens4Health

P.S. We hope you can stop by on October 20th for the launch of Health of the Nation, at Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia PA. [Learn more about the event.](#)