Questions for Candidates

Candidates need – and want – to hear from you. Dialogue with those wanting to represent you is an extremely effective way to share your thoughts on policy change. Following are questions to ask candidates seeking election. They are categorized into the four principles of the Care for the Common Good campaign. Specifically, We Believe…

Everyone should have access to high-quality, comprehensive health care.
- What policy solutions do you support to address barriers to health coverage?
- How do you respond to federal actions that would have the effect of reducing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) protections for individuals with preexisting conditions?
- What policies do you support to expand access to mental health and substance use disorder services, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- What is your position on expanding access to care by maintaining virtual office visit flexibilities now and in the future?
- What would you do to open health insurance marketplaces to provide access to affordable health insurance for those experiencing unemployment or underemployment?

Investment in public health is critical to our nation’s safety and economic health.
- What role do you think elected leaders play in demonstrating the importance of public health measures like wearing a mask, maintaining physical distance and hand washing?
- How can the public health infrastructure be best prepared to ensure the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective and distributed equitably across populations?
- What strategies do you support to address racism as a public health crisis?
- What public health protections would you put in place to ensure the country is ready to address a future pandemic?

Improving the health of communities is the right thing to do.
- What strategies do you support to address health disparities and racial inequity in the COVID-19 death rate?
- What policy solutions do you support to ensure Americans have access to stable housing and food security, especially as unemployment has risen dramatically due to COVID-19?
- Can you provide examples of successful collaborations to address social influencers of health and build healthier communities?
- In light of increasing unemployment across the nation and the resulting loss of employer funded health insurance, how would you address the need to ensure health care access for all?

Affordable, high-value health care is achievable.
- What actions are you willing to take to ensure health insurers are doing their fair share to lower health insurance premiums and pay health care providers for outcomes?
- What policy solutions could be adopted to help our nation’s health care providers transition from our current system based on volume to a system that rewards providers for delivering high-value care and improved outcomes?
- What types of changes to Medicare and/or Medicaid payment models will improve value?
- What policy solutions do you support to address the rising spend on prescription drugs?

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