

AFFORDABLE MEDICAL/DENTAL CARE

Cost & Rates

- Look at doctor reimbursement in our community - do we make it easy for doctors and dentists to help look for solutions to this issue
- Work with those paying off debt
- Regulate prices
- Deal with insurance that drives costs, charges
- Cap on liabilities
- Disallowing advertising of pharmaceuticals - that just increase the cost - was illegal 3 years ago to advertise drugs
- Federal government help with cost
- Mental Health cost
- Better understanding of why health care costs more in the FNSB
- Increase Medicaid payments for dental care
- Increase reimbursement rates
- Barter

Insurance

- More information on malpractice suits, relationship to insurance
- Expand Public Health Insurance
- More dental insurance coverage
- Young adults' access (have jobs without insurance, low paying jobs) to all care
- Raise age of kids' eligibility for parents' plan (Cobra) with an option to buy into parents' plan once cut off age is reached
- Small businesses should pool together to provide/buy health insurance for their employees
- Statewide insurance cooperative - insurances must recognize holistic medicine
- Encourage HB315 Health insurance access to state health care system.
- Pooled insurance plans for small businesses and non profits
- Support for HB allowing buy into state plan for small businesses/non-profits
- School District has plan with TVC
- What about Borough doing one for residents (School District has plan with TVC)

Prevention

- More emphasis on preventive health care
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- Promoting good health, start young
- Preventive care for uninsured
- Encourage preventive/wellness
- Health screening in schools to include families
- Denali Kid Care - good - need more options similar to it
- Active participation in keeping Denali Kid Care at current levels or greater
- Keep Denali Kid Care

Professionals

- Train
- If University of Alaska cannot carry a medical program, coordinate with an institution to send our students with all medical technology classes
- Raise incentives for doctors to return to Alaska
- Eliminate restriction on doctors getting licenses
- Recruit more practitioners to increase access and decrease cost (Board control the number)
- Find out about high cost of dental care, do dentists not want competition?
- More dentists
- United Way send announcements to dental schools to come to Alaska
- Hold medical & dental conferences in Fairbanks

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- Increase competition/selection

Service

- Nationwide health care
- Prescription Assistance programs (income guidelines)
- Affordable health care for everyone
- Continue to expand access to a minimal level of care (medical, mental health & dental)
- Promote pro bono work by the Dental Commission and give tax incentives in return
- Increase access to affordable medical/dental care
- Many physicians closed to Medicaid
- Drug co-op (needs pharmacy license)
- Keep pressure of US Senators & Representatives to assist with National focus
- Socialized medicinal
- Competition for out-patient surgical center to providers
- Establish another clinic like Urgent Care
- Expand the services of the Interior Neighborhood Health Clinic (offers affordable care)

Other

- State licenses for Massage Therapy
- Market analysis of what is available and eligible
- Tort reform
- We have enormous resources - fortunate - top end procedures good (they do not raise prices)
- Change priority issue to medical/mental health/dental care
- Start at local level to do away with ads
- Affects all residents insured or not
- Feeling of helplessness
- Local control like welfare to work - what will work for us
- Encourage holistic medicine practice