

GENERAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS:

- Universal availability
- Single payer
- Options/accessibility
- Directing your own care
- Eliminating middlemen in regards to Rx – (3rd party drug brokers)
- Quality oriented outcomes with evaluations
- Standardize algorithms to chronic care
- Reimbursements based on appropriate care
- Insuring best practices
- Remove anti-trust laws re: cost cutting
- Cost control/tough decisions
- Not for profit health care
- Pilot single payer
- Optimal annual programs for selection (public health enrollment program)
- Lower costs by eliminate insurance with open enrollment
- Tort reform; lower costs with standards of care
- Focus on Preventive medicine
- Allocation of resources
- Eliminate fee for service – surgeons paid by surgery, clinicians paid for multiple visits to treat same ailment
- Options for elderly care other than long-term care home
- Reduce excessive costs of long-term care
- Increase caregivers below doctor level
- Alternatives to long-term care
- Holistic care (medical, dental, mental, vision)
- Eliminate turf barriers and states powers to regulate
- Eliminate drug advertising

HAWAII SPECIAL NEEDS:

- Limited care availability on outer islands (urban/rural availability)
- Lack of cooperation between hospitals
- Delivery of health care – urban vs. rural
- Tort reform
- Pre-paid health care
- Incentives for rural doctors/caregivers/nurses
- Complacency because of large number of union covered employees (lack of political will)
- Lack of resources for medical training at Community college and U of H.
- Business community needs education re: benefits of universal health care
- Shortage of health care providers and medical staff (incentives for rural doctors/professionals)
- Aging physicians
- Lack of resources for nursing school at KCC
- Remove 17-year drug patent
- Cultural diversity, cultural competencies
- Distribution of resources
- Transportation between islands
- Continuum of care
- Long-term care
- Lack of trauma care
- Need new generation of doctors; replace retiring with newly graduated
- Increase telemedicine
- Niihau care needs

STRAW POLL ON SINGLE PAYER:

For: 14
Against: 2
Unsure: 4