



Health Care Reform

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (the "Medical Center") recognizes its duty, as a leader in the provision of pediatric specialty services and as an institution dedicated to advancing knowledge about the causes and treatment of diseases that affect children, to represent the voices of children in the environs of health care reform; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Medical Center has authorized the Public Policy Committee, a committee of the Board of Directors, to take institutional positions, as appropriate, to enhance the health and well-being of children, preserve funding for government funded patients and support the strategic objectives of the Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Committee has directed its Health Care Reform Task Force to review health care reform proposals for their clinical and financial impact on the Medical Center and assist the Public Policy Committee in its recommendation of an institutional position on health care reform; and

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Committee recommends the Position on Health Care Reform. A Recommendation by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Board Committee on Public Policy to the Board of Directors ("Lurie Children's Position on Health Care Reform") as the institutional position on health care reform; and

WHEREAS, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Position on Health Care Reform recommends; health care reform should include a federal guarantee of universal and comprehensive health care coverage for all children; health care reform should include a uniform benefits package that includes comprehensive coverage for the treatment of children with mental illness, as well as, comprehensive coverage for congenital, chronic and acute conditions requiring long-term treatment; health care reform should include that children's hospitals be recognized as Essential Community Providers and Pediatric Centers of Excellence due to their unparalleled role in the provision of, and access to, pediatric specialty care services in the community they serve; health care reform should adequately reimburse pediatric physicians and other health care providers specializing in the care of children based on the provider's level of experience and amount of time and resources required to care for their patients; health care reform should adequately finance, apart from reimbursement for patient care, the costs of graduate medical education and research; health care reform should promote the establishment of integrated child health care networks which contract with managed care plans for the provision of pediatric care; and health care reform should facilitate and enable families to choose such integrated health care networks for the provision of care to their children,

LET IT BE RESOLVED: that Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Position on Health Care Reform as presented to the Board of Directors of the Medical Center and as described above is hereby adopted this 27th day of June, 1994.