

⇒ Health care

A. Promote full transparency of health care price and quality

Wisconsin citizens, whether covered by employer healthcare plans or their own independent plans, should know the scope of the plan's services and associated direct and out-of-pocket costs. The quality of care provided by each health care facility and its providers should be available to healthcare consumers in order to make the wisest health care, decisions.

B. Promote electronic medical records.

The use of electronic medical record programs will save time, reduce errors, and save consumers money.

- Fiscal impact: Governor Doyle's budget contains \$30 million in funding to help healthcare providers convert to electronic health records.

C. Recommend that all aspects of health care spending “get LEAN”

CWI recommends that the entire health care industry “get LEAN,” and follow the lead of the state's manufacturing industry in implementing LEAN disciplines in hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, insurers, technology vendors and others.

D. Promote the Six Aims of the Institute of Medicine

Promote the Institute of Medicine's Aims for a 21st Century Health Care System: Safe, Effective, Patient-Centered, Timely, Efficient, and Equitable health care.

E. Promote Healthy Lifestyles

Create economic incentives to encourage “Healthy Lifestyles” programs in the workplace. Encourage Wisconsin's schools to examine curricula and programming and modify as necessary to incorporate nutrition and physical education.

F. Ensure that all Wisconsinites have access to care

CWI will work to ensure that all Wisconsinites have access to comprehensive and affordable health care in order to promote the health of the population and encourage economic development.