



## OUR VISION FOR U.S. HEALTH CARE



# OUR VISION IS FOUNDED IN THE CORE VALUES OF THE CATHOLIC HEALTH MINISTRY:

HUMAN DIGNITY + COMMON GOOD + CONCERN FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE  
STEWARDSHIP + JUSTICE + PLURALISM

## HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE:

### AVAILABLE, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

- + Ensure each person has health benefits covering essential services through each stage of life.
- + Achieve health equity by delivering the same level and quality of care to everyone in our nation without exception.
- + Address the additional access and affordability needs of low-income families and individuals.

### WELLNESS AND PREVENTION ORIENTED, TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES

- + Make preventive care and wellness a core part of health benefits and encourage wellness and prevention initiatives.
- + Improve health literacy and education to help patients maintain their health.
- + Address the social determinants of health to promote well-being and prevent illness.

### PATIENT CENTERED AND DESIGNED TO AFFIRM LIFE AND DIGNITY FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

- + Ensure care and services are coordinated and integrated along the continuum of care.
- + Provide quality prenatal and postnatal care and supports to protect the lives of mothers and children.
- + Design quality palliative and end-of-life care to ensure compassionate treatment for persons with serious, chronic and complex diseases and those in the final stages of life.

### SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND DESIGNED TO DELIVER QUALITY AND VALUE

- + Utilize innovative and high-value care and reallocate savings to improve quality in the health care system.
- + Ensure a high-quality workforce and expand the use of telehealth services to improve access and enhance patient care.
- + Standardize information technology and systems to improve clinical coordination.
- + Optimize health outcomes and quality and prioritize patient safety.

### SUSTAINABLY AND JUSTLY FINANCED

- + Share the responsibility of financing among stakeholders in the health system.
- + Strengthen the safety net by having all stakeholders collectively assume responsibility for those who need assistance.
- + Allocate resources transparently and encourage cost-effective care and administration.

*Learn to do good.  
Make justice your aim: redress the  
wronged, hear the orphan's plea,  
defend the widow.*

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