At the 2007 House of Delegates meeting, the following five principles for any health care reform legislation were adopted:

1. **Coverage** - Health care coverage for New Mexicans should be universal, continuous, portable and mandatory.

2. **Benefits** - An essential benefits package should be uniform and include behavioral health; with the option to obtain additional benefits.

3. **Delivery system** - The system must ensure choice of physician and preserve patient/physician relationships. The system must focus on providing care that is safe, timely, efficient, effective, patient-centered and equitable.

4. **Administration and governance** - The system must be simple, transparent, accountable, and efficient and effective in order to reduce administrative costs and maximize funding for patient care. The system should be overseen by a governing body that includes regulatory agencies, payers, consumers, and care givers and is accountable to the citizens.

5. **Financing** - Health care coverage should be equitable, affordable and sustainable. The financing strategy should strive for simplicity, transparency and efficiency. It should emphasize personal responsibility as well as societal obligations, due to the limited nature of resources available for health care.