

Guiding Principles Learned from the SCI Coverage Institute In Chicago

1. Health care reform has many aspects, but this conversation is about expanding coverage to Ohio's uninsured residents and making coverage affordable for small businesses.
2. We must have well-defined goals, with benchmarks and mileposts.

Provide access to quality, affordable health insurance for every Ohio child and reduce the total number of uninsured Ohioans by 500,000 by 2011.
3. Populations to target must be identified.
4. Reforms must build upon Ohio's strengths.
5. It has got to be affordable. Subsidies are required to reach lower income Ohioans.
6. A connector needs to have complementary reforms and subsidies to bring costs down.
7. Portability of coverage is important.
8. Financing will be a challenge.
9. We must focus on small businesses and consider economic development.
10. We must be conscious of maintaining competitive insurance markets.