

# "Missouri Voices for Health Care Reform"

## ***Share Your Health Care Story!***

Personal stories – as individuals struggling under our current health care systems, health care providers, community leaders, or faith leaders – are one of the most powerful ways to demonstrate the need for comprehensive health care reform. Please share your story as part of the "Voices for Health Care Reform" campaign, which will share the stories we collect with Missouri media and elected officials.



### **Tips for Writing Your Story or Statement:**

- All stories & statements should fit on one page, 8 ½ x 11, with 12 point font (shorter is fine!).
- Please share your name and contact information – the media often will not use anonymous statements.
- Please write your story in a way that is heart-felt but professional. Please, no profanity or attacks on individuals or political/corporate entities.
- Please include a call to Congress to pass health care reform this year.

### Questions for Personal Stories

*(Please use these questions as a guide – you don't need to answer all of them)*

1. Do you have health coverage?
2. Are you able to afford your health coverage? If not, what do you do?
3. Have you ever had to go without necessary health care? If yes, what happened?
4. Have health care costs ever impacted your ability to meet your other needs, e.g. housing, food, utilities?
5. How has the high cost of health care affected you and/or your family?
6. Why is health care reform important to you?

### Questions for Providers, Community Leaders, and Faith Leaders

*(Please use these questions as a guide – you don't need to answer all of them)*

1. Do you have clients, congregants, or community members who are uninsured or struggling to afford health care?
2. How has the high cost of health care affected the people you work with?
3. Why is health care reform important to you?

### **You may submit your story in 3 ways.**

1. **Submit your story online at [www.mohealthcareforall.org](http://www.mohealthcareforall.org).**
2. **E-mail it, along with the attached form, to Megan Burke at [mburke@paraquad.org](mailto:mburke@paraquad.org).**
3. **Don't have e-mail? Contact Megan at (314) 289-4277 or mail your story to Megan Burke at Paraquad, 5240 Oakland Ave., St. Louis MO 63110.**

*The "Voices for Health Care Reform" campaign is a joint project of the many Missouri organizations and coalitions working toward quality, affordable health care for all Missourians. Learn more about us at [www.mohealthcareforall.org](http://www.mohealthcareforall.org).*

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## Story Submission Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please note: The media will not publish anonymous stories. We will not share your contact information without contacting you first.*

### **I am (check all that apply):**

- An individual with a personal story
- A health care provider
- A clergy person or other faith leader
- A community leader

Thank you for sharing your story. We will use it as part of the "Missouri Voices for Health Care Reform" campaign. Please tell us how else you would be willing to assist with this campaign.

- Talk to legislators about my story.
- Speak one-on-one with a reporter about my story.
- Tell my story at a press conference or public event.
- Submit my story as part of a letter to the editor.