



# Federal advocacy priorities for 2009

## *Find a way to reform health care in America: Coverage for all, value for all, supported by all*

### 1. Secure coverage and access for all

- Reauthorize and expand SCHIP
- Sustain Medicaid funding and coverage (stimulus; regulations)
- Pass systemic reform

### 2. Achieve better and more efficient care (enabled by HIT)

- Align Medicare payment for coordinated care
- Fund quality-improving HIT and comparative effectiveness
- Enable hospital/physician alignment to support quality & efficiency
- Ban physician self-referral to specialty hospitals

### 3. Safeguard hospital capability to improve community and economic health

- Ensure fair payment for hospitals and other providers
- Avert formula-driven cut for physicians
- Reform the wage index process and extend Section 508
- Defeat efforts to eliminate union secret ballot process
- Reform the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) process
- Protect conscience clauses and defeat Freedom of Choice Act
- Strengthen accountability for tax exemption w/o rigid thresholds