

This year, more than one million* people will have a heart attack.



All deserve access to timely, high-quality care.

The American College of Cardiology is committed to working with Congress and the Administration to ensure that doctors have the resources they need to deliver **timely, high-quality, cost-effective care to all patients**. Health reform should:

- Ensure access to care for all Americans, especially the more than one million who will face a cardiac event this year
- Promote prevention and payment reforms that reward quality and actually reduce costs
- Provide sufficient funding to Secretary Sebelius, Medicare and Medicaid for real payment innovation pilots
- Reduce administrative burden in both federal and private programs for patients and physicians alike
- Promote tort reform



Heart disease is America's number one killer. Members of Congress - you have a critical opportunity to set a new standard for health care delivery. America deserves no less.

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*National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's Atherosclerotic Risk in Communities [ARIC] Study and Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS), 2006.