



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**From: The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Subject: Forum on Health Care Reform**

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce has taken a special interest in the proposed changes to the American health care system because of the major impact it would have on the Lower Shore business community.

A major change in how our nation will handle providing health care and paying for the services is a very complex and to some scary venture. The 160 million Americans who are covered by their employer and 80 million who are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP are concerned any change could reduce their current comfort level. The debate has become heated and misinformation is making it difficult for people to make an educated decision on what they favor.

Our organization is especially unhappy with some of the portrayals of the health care industry as denying care to the poor and ignoring the needs of the public. America has the best medical system in the world. We are living longer and staying healthier thanks to the treatment we receive from our doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals. Our own Peninsula Regional Medical Center provides over \$1 million a month in unreimbursed medical care to those without insurance.

The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce as spokesperson for the business community agrees the system for paying for health care needs a serious, national review. We have established a task force of medical practice managers, insurance professionals, business leaders, accountants and concerned citizens to monitor the proposals in Congress and keep our Chamber leadership and members informed.

To help educate the Chamber members and community, the task force invites anyone interested in the current legislation to a forum on Wednesday, October 14 at noon in the Chamber of Commerce at 144 East Main Street, Salisbury. Bring your lunch and questions, we will provide the answers. Call 410-749-0144 to reserve a seat.

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