



Central Outreach & Advocacy Center and Presbyterians for a Better Georgia



Joining Faith, Service and Advocacy

We advocate for policies that will make Georgians safer, healthier and more secure:

Access to Healthcare

Support increased access to healthcare for all Georgians.

- Access to healthcare is a critical part of keeping Georgians healthy, but 1.4 million are uninsured.
- Georgia ranked 48th in the US in the rate of uninsured residents last year, along with poor health outcomes for many measures.
- Rural hospitals across Georgia are closing due to high rates of uninsured patients.
- As Congress addresses the Affordable Care Act, urge that Georgians not lose access to health insurance they have received under the program, including:
 - Coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions;
 - Coverage of children on parent's policies until age 26; and
 - Support for coverage that would otherwise be unaffordable.
- Provide health insurance coverage to uninsured Georgians.
- Support initiatives to improve access to mental health services.
- Increase reimbursement rates for primary care services for health care providers under Medicaid.
- Improve access to oral health care for children, seniors and people with disabilities.

Atlanta Presbytery Adopts Overture on Healthcare

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta adopted an Overture in 2015 recognizing the Biblical imperative for Christians to "heal the sick and take care of our neighbor." The Overture recognizes that the provision of health insurance coverage will increase life expectancy, reduce personal bankruptcy due to health expenses, provide greater financial stability for health care facilities, and significantly boost Georgia's economy. The Overture resolved that the Member Churches of the Atlanta Presbytery urge the Governor and the members of the Georgia General Assembly to actively support policies to provide insurance to qualified uninsured Georgians and encourages member churches to contact their legislators to express their support to expand health insurance coverage in Georgia.

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