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MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE  
Michigan Association of Health Plans

The Michigan Association of Health Plans invites you to complete the following questionnaire. Your responses will help us understand legislative candidates' perspectives on health care and managed care. In the enclosed insert, there are a few definitions that may be useful as you answer the questions below.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following do you consider to be the most significant issue facing your community? Please rank your **top three** choices by placing 1, 2, and 3 on the appropriate lines.

- a. The quality of education \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Crime and drug use \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The cost of health care (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. The economy (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Access to quality health care \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Environmental problems \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Jobs (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Taxes \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which of the following do you consider to be the biggest problem facing the health care system in your community? (Check ONE)

- a. Cost of health services \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Affordability of health insurance \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Medical errors \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Pharmacy costs \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Quality of health services \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Ready access to needed health services \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Uninsured \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Chronic illness; e.g. diabetes \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Other \_\_\_\_\_

For the following questions, please state whether you strongly agree, agree, have no opinion, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statements. Circle one answer for each question. My perceptions but based on limited data

3. Managed care plans provide more preventive services—well-baby checkups, immunizations, and others—than traditional health insurers to keep people healthy.

Strongly agree (Agree) No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree

4. Managed care plans make it more difficult for people to see the doctors they want to see.

Strongly agree Agree (No opinion) Disagree Strongly disagree

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5. Managed care plans control health care costs better than traditional insurance plans.  
Strongly agree  Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree
6. Managed care plans work with doctors, hospitals, and other providers to improve the quality of care they offer to patients.  
Strongly agree  Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree
- Managed care plans are publicly accountable for their quality outcomes.  
Strongly agree  Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree
8. Managed Care plans should publish the quality readings of the physicians in their provider network. *? How measured?*  
Strongly agree Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree
9. Managed care plans should make information about hospital error rates available to their members.  
Strongly agree  Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree

#### MANDATED BENEFITS

10. Mandated benefits are those that the state requires to be included in any health insurance contract. Do you believe the legislature should establish required coverage for health care policies?  
Strongly agree Agree No opinion  Disagree Strongly disagree
- A. If you agree, should the mandate be based on excepted scientific evidence?  
Strongly agree Agree No opinion Disagree Strongly disagree

*if I had said yes to above*

#### INCREASING ACCESS TO PEOPLE WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

11. Currently over a million Michigan residents have no public or private health insurance. Do you agree or disagree that:  
The state government and the private sector should work together to increase the number of people who have health insurance beyond the provisions of recent federal reforms?  
Strongly agree Agree No opinion  Disagree Strongly disagree

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12. The state should allow health plans to offer *limited* benefits packages—that is, health insurance that covers *basic* benefits like hospitalization, physician care in the hospital and in their offices, lab tests, x-rays, prescription drugs, that will make health insurance more affordable for small employers.

Strongly agree    Agree    No opinion    Disagree    Strongly disagree

13. Given the passage of an individual mandate for health coverage, do you believe that any state should utilize both a high-risk pool and insurer of last resort? *I need more information.*

Strongly agree    Agree    No opinion    Disagree    Strongly disagree

### STANDARDIZED INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH PLANS

14. Health plans are required to report information based on standard descriptions and measures to allow comparison of different HMOs' benefits, premiums, patient satisfaction, financial stability, and the success rates for certain procedures and treatments. This information is then made available in an understandable format to the public. Do you agree or disagree that:

The State should *require* other health insurers, hospitals, and physicians to develop similar standard descriptions and measures and make this information available in an understandable format to the public.

Strongly agree    Agree    No opinion    Disagree    Strongly disagree

15. Doctors should be required to inform patients about all treatment options whether or not they are covered by insurance.

Strongly agree    Agree    No opinion    Disagree    Strongly disagree

### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH MANAGED CARE

16. What is your personal (or family) experience with HMOs or other health carriers?

*None / acceptable*

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND INSIGHT!