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The Candidates' Health Care Agendas

As the presidential election approaches, AHPA has examined the alignment between each presidential candidate's health care agenda and the AHPA Advocacy Agenda. This paper outlines this work and is not intended to support one candidate over another.

Issue	AHPA	Hilary Clinton	Donald Trump
Focus on Prevention	<p>In <i>Five Steps to Health in America</i>, AHPA calls for innovative health policies that focus on lifestyle choices, disease prevention, and attention to the social determinants that enhance or detract from personal and community health. Specifically, we support policies that would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Prioritize wellness as a key domestic policy B. Improve the current health system C. Strengthen the public infrastructure D. Move to people and community-centered care E. Support Health in all policies 	<p>Clinton would double the funding for community health centers over the next 10 years. Her plan would also triple the size of the Health Services Corp – that encourages providers to pursue the primary care field.</p> <p>Clinton would strengthen enforcement of 2008 mental health parity law that requires insurers to cover mental illness the same way they cover physical illness by using insurer audits and compliance monitoring and by making it easier for consumers to report violations</p>	<p>Trump's plan calls for reform to our mental health programs and institutions in this country. His plan also calls for creating a patient-centered health care system promoting choice, quality and affordability.</p>
Hospital Community Benefit	<p>Community Benefit is not limited to charity care or Medicaid. Not-for-profit, faith-based hospitals reinvest heavily in the communities they serve. Other Community Benefits</p>	<p>Neither candidate addresses Community Benefit or not-for-profit care.</p>	<p>Neither candidate addresses Community Benefit or not-for-profit care.</p>

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	include: health education, research, health professionals' education, community-based clinical services, low-margin services, cash and in-kind donations, and certain community-building activities.		
End-of-Life Care	AHPA supports compassionate and cost-effective end-of-life options for Medicare beneficiaries such as: home care, palliative care, hospice care, and the like. AHPA supports efforts to increase the number of people who have Advance Directives.	Clinton's plan would give tax credits of up to \$6,000 to offset family caregiving costs, and invest \$100 million over 10 years in Caregiver Respite programs for family caregivers of children and adults.	Does not address End-of-Life Care in his plan.
Medical Education	AHPA supports Graduate Medical Education (GME) financing policies that do not depend so heavily on Medicare but rather, emphasize public/private partnerships to address the pending physician shortages.	Clinton's calls for tripling the size of the National Health Service Corps to increase the primary care workforce in underserved areas.	Does not address workforce issues in his plan.
Affordable Care Act & Insurance Coverage	AHPA's advocacy plan does not address the Affordable Care Act or insurance coverage.	She will: "Defend and expand the Affordable Care Act" but call for a plan to lower out-of-pocket in four ways: 1) enhance premium tax credits so enrollees pay no more than 8.5% of their income toward premiums (down from 9.66%); 2) fix the so-called "family glitch" for marketplace tax credits. The glitch allows families with access to employer coverage to be eligible for tax credits only if the worker's single-enrollee premium cost exceeds the affordability threshold; 3) strengthen the ability of states to modify or block rate hikes; and 4) provide a refundable tax credit to help insured Americans with out-of-pocket costs >5% of income.	Trump supports complete repeal of the ACA including the individual mandate to have coverage. His agenda calls for more free market principles: "By following free market principles and working together to create sound public policy that will broaden health care access, [we will] make health care more affordable and improve the quality of the care available to all Americans." In place of refundable premium tax credits, he would provide a tax deduction for the purchase of individual health insurance. Trump also calls for price transparency from all providers and elimination of fraud and abuse