

# **Resolution on Key Concepts Identified for Health Care Reform**

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**WHEREAS**, health care reform will encompass redesign and innovative new concepts on all aspects of delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, some of these concepts are already identified and being addressed by health care reform groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the most frequently identified concepts to date are:

1. Patient-centered medical home as an enhanced model of primary care
2. Health Information Technology to share interoperability among health systems
3. Payment reforms to slow spending for health care growth, while improving quality
4. Redesign of a public health system that speaks to health of the nation
5. Revamping the US food and drug safety system
6. Improving access to health care that is appropriate, convenient and cost effective; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Texas Nurses Association develop background documents, encourage collaboration with other stakeholders including, but not limited to, Texas Hospital Association and institutions of higher learning, on each named area; therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Texas Nurses Association share such documents with Texas based nursing organizations and Texas schools of nursing; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Texas Nurses Association provide education to nurses on these major areas throughout the state.