



COMMISSION ON A HIGH PERFORMANCE HEALTH SYSTEM

The Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, formed in July 2005, seeks to move the U.S. toward a health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for those who are most vulnerable due to income, race/ethnicity, health, or age. The 19-member Commission will identify public and private policies and practices that change the delivery and financing of health care and improve system performance. The Commission is charged with:

- Defining the characteristics of a high performance health system.
- Identifying policies needed to achieve such a system.
- Setting realistic targets.
- Recommending concrete steps to achieve five-, 10-, and 15-year goals.
- Issuing an annual “scorecard” documenting progress.
- Issuing an annual set of issue briefs on key policy topics related to achieving a high performance health system.

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