



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 18-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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Scorecard-Related Publications

***Health Affairs* article**

Cathy Schoen, Karen Davis, Sabrina K. H. How, and Stephen C. Schoenbaum, "U.S. Health System Performance: A National Scorecard," *Health Affairs* Web Exclusive (Sept. 20, 2006):w457–w475. Available online at: <http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/25/5/w457>.

Commonwealth Fund publications

Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, *Why Not the Best? Results from a National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance* (Sept. 2006).

Cathy Schoen and Sabrina K. H. How, *National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance: Technical Report* (Sept. 2006).

Cathy Schoen and Sabrina K. H. How, *National Scorecard on U.S. Health System Performance: Complete Chartpack and Chartpack Technical Appendix* (Sept. 2006).

Other Commission Publications

Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System, *Framework for a High Performance Health System for the United States* (Aug. 2006).

Fund publications are available for free download on The Commonwealth Fund's Web site at www.cmwf.org.