

## Groups find common ground on health care overhaul

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(AP) -- Eighteen groups representing consumers, business, insurers, doctors and hospitals say they have reached agreement on how they would like to see the nation's health care system overhauled.

The groups, calling themselves the <u>Health</u> Reform Dialogue, say the uninsured should be covered through a combination of expanded government programs and subsidies to purchase private health coverage.

The 18 organizations in the group have been meeting for six months. While they failed to resolve several major issues, their agreement could serve as a starting point for lawmakers trying to craft a plan this year that can win broad support.

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