



**American Medical Association Medical Student Section
National Service Project Events
“Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care”
June 2006 – December 2008**

New Jersey Medical School

“The AMA Plan”

Sept. 20, 2006

An AMA Trustee spoke to medical students about the current state of the healthcare system, the uninsured, and the consequences if the system is left unchanged. He also spoke about the AMA Plan, the health reform plan initiated in Massachusetts, and how the two compare to one another.

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

“Filling the HOLE in Insurance”

Oct. 2, 2006

Medical students organized a cornhole tournament and hotdog eating contest to raise awareness about the plight of the uninsured and healthcare reform initiatives. Throughout the event, students distributed fliers and other materials with information about the uninsured and the AMA Plan. Event proceeds were donated to two local free clinics.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured in the Bronx”

Oct. 14, 2006

Medical students organized a Child and Family Health Plus (NY public health insurance for those who do not qualify for Medicaid) enrollment fair in the Bronx. In addition to providing information to parents about available insurance options, the fair provided entertainment for waiting children in the form of games and various arts and crafts activities.

Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

“Health Policy Series”

Oct. 25-Dec. 6, 2006

Medical students organized a five-part lecture series on healthcare policy and reform issues. Speakers presented various solutions to the current healthcare crisis and included a U.S. Congresswoman, a prominent health policy expert, and a number of professors.

University of Virginia School of Medicine

“Ensuring Care: The Charlottesville Free Clinic”

Oct. 26, 2006

The Executive Director of a local free clinic spoke to medical students about healthcare access for the underinsured and uninsured in the community, the role of medical students and doctors in increasing access to care, and the financial workings of a free clinic.

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care: AMA Initiatives”

Oct. 30, 2006

The Director of the AMA’s Litigation Center spoke to medical students about his experiences concerning the AMA’s and the state medical societies’ efforts to address the growing problem of uninsured patients, namely through increased funding of state Medicaid programs. An AMA Senior Economist presented the AMA Plan.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine

Problems with Our Healthcare System: What Are Some Answers”

Nov. 29, 2006

The Immediate Past President of the California Medical Association, spoke to medical students and faculty about various ways to combat problems with the existing health care system (without resorting to a single payer national healthcare plan). The event also served as a forum to discredit the ideas contained in pending single-payer healthcare coverage legislation in California.

Meharry Medical College

“Access to Care for Children and the Homeless”

Dec. 4, 2006

Medical students organized a panel discussion on access to care for children and the homeless. The panel consisted of the Tennessee Director of Maternal and Child Health, an advocate for the homeless, and a clinician who works with the homeless population. Panelists educated students on the challenges of access to care for these populations, informed students of current policies and how they affect the way medicine is practiced, and raised awareness of the general issue of access to care.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Medical Student Awareness Initiative”

Dec. 11, 2006

A physician gave an informational talk to first and second year medical students. Topics included types of health insurance, why health coverage is becoming less affordable, and what options exist to solve the problem of unaffordable coverage. The physician also spoke about treating underinsured patients and how the healthcare crisis affects physicians’ ability to provide healthcare. In an attempt to facilitate debate among students regarding various options for healthcare reform, small group discussions were held both before and after the lecture.

University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill School of Medicine

“Expanding Coverage”

Dec. 15, 2006

Medical students set up tables at a local church known to have many members from low income populations. Following religious services, students provided churchgoers information and literature on the importance of being covered by an insurance program, insurance options for low-income individuals, and the ease of signing up for reasonably priced coverage. Students also set up tables at community health fairs specifically targeting Spanish-speaking populations. Using Spanish interpreters and literature in Spanish explaining SCHIP, students provided Spanish-speaking parents with information about free and low-cost health insurance options for their children.

Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured at Local Community Elementary Schools”

Dec. 16, 2006

Medical students worked with local school administrators and the YMCA to organize health insurance enrollment fairs at elementary schools and community centers. In addition to providing informational materials (obtained from the *Covering Kids and Families* campaign) to parents about free and low-cost insurance options for their children, students provided blood pressure and glucose screening for participants.

Florida State University College of Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured Round Table”

Jan. 2, 2007

Medical students organized a round table discussion to educate medical students and faculty about the current healthcare crisis and to facilitate an open discussion on the pros and cons of a nationalized healthcare system. Six panelists with various backgrounds were chosen to bring their perspectives to the table. Panelists included a fourth year medical student, a geriatrician, a social science professor, a lawyer, and an economics professor.

Eastern Virginia Medical School

“My Hope Clinic”

Feb. 13, 2007

Medical students created and staffed a community-based free-clinic for uninsured members of the community surrounding the medical school. The chapter hosts monthly clinical workshops to increase the procedural skills of students, thereby increasing the quality of care for patients.

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured/ Access to Healthcare Week”

Feb. 19, 2007

Medical students teamed up with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine American Medical Student Association chapter to host a week of presentations concerning covering the uninsured and access to healthcare. Topics included Medicare/ Medicaid and the AMA Plan to cover the uninsured.

Drexel University College of Medicine

“Providing Medical Care to the Uninsured”

Feb. 20, 2007

Medical students hosted a meeting to raise awareness of the issue of the uninsured and the ethical and financial challenges the uninsured present to future physicians. A health policy expert from Kaiser Family Foundation spoke about the issue of the uninsured and moderated a panel discussion of physicians from different specialties who spoke about their experiences with uninsured patients.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Medical School

“Universal Healthcare Seminar”

Feb. 26, 2006

Medical students hosted a seminar featuring several physicians from the Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition. The seminar educated medical students and others from the university community about the complex issue of universal health care and the implications of such systems on physicians and patients.

University of Virginia School of Medicine

“Public Health and Patient Advocacy”

Feb. 27, 2007

As part of an ongoing lecture series on public policy efforts to cover the uninsured, medical students hosted a lunch lecture given by Dr. Arthur Garson, Jr, Dean of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and nationally recognized expert in healthcare policy. Dean Garson updated medical students on his public policy workings with the government and shared his views on the changing healthcare system.

UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

March 5, 2005

Medical students hosted a weeklong series of lectures and events on the topic of covering the uninsured. Lecture topics included "Incorporating Community Advocacy into a Professional Career," The AMA Plan to Cover the Uninsured, and “How to Start a Free Clinic.”

University of New Mexico School of Medicine

“Head Start School Service Project”

March 12, 2007

Medical students organized a health screening and health fair at a local Head Start school. Students worked with physicians to screen approximately 200 preschool children for vision, hearing, growth, blood pressure, etc. In addition to providing medical resources, students coordinated with the dental hygiene school to provide information on dental care.

Students also provided information to families regarding community health resources, immunizations, nutrition, safety, and a variety of other topics. Representatives from New Mexikids (New Mexico’s State Children's Health Insurance Program) attended the health fair to provide information on free and low cost insurance and enroll children on-site.

University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine

“What TV's "SCRUBS" and the AMA Have in Common”

March 16, 2007

Medical students hosted a dinner at which they showed an episode of the TV show “Scrubs” and related it to the problem of the uninsured and how it relates to health care delivery. The screening was followed with a discussion of the AMA Plan to cover the uninsured and a question and answer session.

University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

“Cook County Health Care Cuts and the Impact on Uninsured”

March 17, 2007

Medical students hosted a lunch lecture given by Dr. Gordon Schiff, MD, Director, Clinical Quality Research and Improvement and Past Director, General Medical Clinic at Stroger Hospital of Cook County. Dr. Schiff spoke about the impact of the impending Cook County Budget cuts on free primary care for uninsured.

University of Washington School of Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured”

March 22, 2007

Medical students hosted a lecture given by Dr. Robert Crittenden, Professor, Family Medicine and Adjunct Professor of Health Services, on “Covering the Uninsured.” The event was designed to inform students about the current efforts of the student section of the AMA, especially its current top priority to cover the uninsured.

Jefferson Medical College

“Jefferson Medical College AMA-MSS Health Fair”

March 24, 2007

Medical students organized a health fair at a busy, local shopping mall. Tables at the health fair included information, demonstrations, and screening on common health topics including diabetes, stress reduction, smoking cessation, healthy lifestyles, cancer, asthma, and high blood pressure. Students also distributed information about the availability of free and low-cost health insurance.

University of Toledo College of Medicine

“Current Healthcare Initiatives in Congress”

March 30, 2007

Medical students hosted a luncheon featuring U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur (D-OH). This luncheon provided the medical school community with the opportunity to address an influential politician with concerns about healthcare policy that will affect medicine in the coming years. The luncheon was also used as an opportunity to educate the medical school community about efforts such as Medicare and Medicaid reform that are currently being addressed by Congress.

University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 1, 2007

Medical students hosted a weeklong series of lectures and events related to covering the uninsured. Events included a panel discussion on the status of the uninsured and suggestions for current solutions, a lecture on how students can be practically involved in solving the problem of the uninsured, a letter writing campaign for the state legislature, and a health fair that provided information about free and low-cost health insurance and enrolled eligible individuals in Medicaid/ SCHIP programs.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine

“Free Student-Run Health Clinic”

April 1, 2007

Medical students created a stationary, monthly clinic based in a shelter, using the current University of California, Riverside’s student-run health clinic as a model. In addition, students created a mobile health clinic, using a variety of models, including UCLA’s mobile health clinic.

State University at New York- Buffalo School of Medicine

“Covering the Uninsured Week Lecture Series”

April 2, 2007

Medical students hosted a series of three lunch lectures related to covering the uninsured. Speakers included area physicians from various specialties, local health insurance experts, hospital administrators, and representatives from local free clinics. The lectures served to promote awareness of the plight of the uninsured, educate medical students about the current state of the issue, and encourage medical students to continue volunteering at local free clinics.

University of Minnesota-Duluth School of Medicine

“AMA/MMA-MSS Spring Education Day”

April 14, 2007

Medical students hosted a seminar on “The Physician’s Plan for a Healthy Minnesota” (The Minnesota Medical Association’s plan to cover the uninsured) and its potential impact on rural health care. Health policy experts discussed the plan, followed by a question and answer session.

Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

“CHIP Letters to Legislators”

April 16, 2007

Medical students hosted a lunchtime letter-writing campaign during which they wrote letters to the Texas legislature requesting Texas’ full funding of its Children’s Health Insurance Program. Students used a template and talking points created by the AMA Medical Student Section. Students also discussed the AMA Plan to cover the uninsured.

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

“Cover the Uninsured Week 2007”

April 18, 2007

Medical students organized a weeklong series of events for Cover the Uninsured Week, with the goal of educating health professional students, health affiliates, and the community at large about healthcare access in Wisconsin. Events included a healthcare access symposium featuring Governor Doyle followed by faculty experts, panel forums featuring health administrators, policy experts, etc. The symposium was followed by breakout sessions with community organizations. Students also targeted underserved populations in Madison regarding healthcare access by passing out brochures highlighting specific issues relevant to these underserved communities. Finally, students increased legislative activism by participating in Lobby Day at the state capitol.

Duke University School of Medicine

“Health Disparities: What They Mean for Healthcare Access”

April 20, 2007

Medical students organized a lecture given by a professor from Duke's School of Business. The professor spoke to medical students and undergraduates about the manner in which health disparities in the U.S. are relevant when discussing the issue of access to health care. Before and after the event, students ran a bone marrow registration drive that seeking to increase the number of minority bone marrow donors, the shortage of which represents an important issue relating to the general theme of the day's lecture.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

“Serving the Uninsured”

April 22, 2007

Medical students teamed up with a grocery store in an area with a large uninsured population to provide information to local community members about free and low-cost health insurance and health care resources for the uninsured.

University of California- Irvine School of Medicine

“Bridging the Health Care Gap: Advocating for America's Uninsured”

April 23, 2007

Medical students organized a weeklong series of lectures, seminars, and discussions about the current state of healthcare access in the United States. Events focused on alternative health care initiatives such as California's single payer bill, health savings accounts, and the state plan. Speakers included prominent health care economists, local physicians, and medical students. Students also initiated a letter writing campaign to local government representatives and developed informational fliers detailing the latest information concerning America's uninsured.

Medical College of Wisconsin

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 23, 2007

Medical students hosted two lunch lectures focused on MCW's student-run free clinic and on a childhood vaccination community service project that the MCW chapter is developing with the Milwaukee Health Department. Students also participated in state lobby day with the Wisconsin Medical Society.

Wright State University School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week 2007”

April 23, 2007

Medical students hosted a series of lectures, panel discussions, and fund raisers to increase awareness of and present potential solutions to the problems facing uninsured Americans. Lecturers included include local physicians who focus on treating uninsured patients at free clinics, a faculty member who spoke

about caring for the uninsured elderly, representatives for healthcare reform action groups, a representative from the AMA to present the AMA's plan for covering the uninsured, and a U.S. Representative. Panel discussions featured several of these speakers as well as uninsured patient advocates and business and insurance representatives. Medical students also engaged a local issue by canvassing their campus to obtain signatures petitioning their school to require university-hired contractors to provide health insurance for their employees.

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured: Raising Awareness and Taking Action on Issues of Insurance”

April 24, 2007

Medical students hosted a series of lunchtime presentations each day during Cover the Uninsured Week. Topics included “Health Literacy: Helping Doctors Communicate with Patients,” “Health Insurance: Basic Access to Care,” discussions about single payer systems, and several talks by community leaders who provide care to the homeless, elderly, and underinsured. Students also hosted a creative presentation using media clips from popular TV shows like Seinfeld, Grey's Anatomy, House, Scrubs, and ER, where issues of insurance are raised and also where the AMA is featured. To conclude the week, medical students organized a health fair at a nearby homeless shelter, where they offered blood pressure, blood glucose, and BMI screening along with educational resources for those who are uninsured or underinsured and seeking medical care.

University of South Alabama College of Medicine

“Cover The Uninsured Week”

April 25, 2007

Medical students set up information tables in high traffic areas of the university campus, where they distributed information to passersby in order to raise awareness on the current problem of the uninsured in the area and around the country.

University of Colorado School of Medicine

“Ride for World Health/ Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 25, 2007

Medical students, in conjunction with Ride for World Health, organized a series of lectures and events pertaining to global and domestic health policy issues. Speakers included an AMA Trustee, who spoke about the AMA's Plan to cover the uninsured, and the director of a local free health clinic that serves the homeless. Students also participated in a number of community service projects organized in conjunction with community organizations across the city. Finally, students organized a letter-writing campaign to raise awareness of domestic and global health issues among elected officials.

Emory University School of Medicine

Morehouse School of Medicine

Mercer University School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Candlelight Vigil”

April 26, 2007

Medical students from Georgia's medical schools, led by the Emory, Morehouse, and Mercer AMA Chapters, organized a candlelight vigil to recognize and address the serious issue of America's increasing uninsured population. The vigil provided an opportunity to educate about the issue, influence local and national policy makers, and create community dialogue about strategies for improvement. Students walked from the Georgia Capitol to the local community hospital, where keynote speakers motivated the community to address the serious issue of the uninsured. Students also organized multiple educational panels and discussions held during the weeks leading up to the vigil.

University of Washington School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured”

April 26, 2007

As part of Cover the Uninsured Week, medical students hosted a lecture given by a physician who works at the Dirne Community Clinic in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, which offers a sliding scale payment system and some free care. Lecture topics included details on how they are able to maintain a clinic, while still providing possible uncompensated care as well as insurance issues currently facing the U.S. healthcare system.

University of Arkansas College of Medicine

“Our Health First”

April 27, 2007

Medical students conducted health fairs for 5th graders at local elementary schools that promote the ARKids First Program, the Arkansas SCHIP program. Students used the health fairs as an opportunity to encourage healthy lifestyles, exercise, and correct food choices to counteract the rise in obesity occurring in Arkansas.

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

“Health Fair and Lunch Lecture”

April 27, 2007

Medical students participated in a hospital-run health fair where they took blood pressures, screened for high blood sugar, and handed out brochures on various private and government insurance programs. A Nurse Practitioner gave a lecture on "uninsurance" issues and provided real-life applications of the problem.

University of Arizona College of Medicine

“Covering Kids Fair!”

April 28, 2007

Medical students organized a health fair at a local park. In addition to providing medical information and screenings, the fair provided information about free and low-cost health insurance options and enrolled eligible children and adults in Medicaid/ SCHIP programs. Prior to the health and enrollment fair, medical students distributed approximately 1000 packets containing information about free and low-cost health insurance options to childcare centers in the areas of Tucson with the greatest proportion of uninsured children.

University of Iowa College of Medicine

“Promoting Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I)”

April 29, 2007

Medical students organized a series of events to promote the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) program, which provides low-cost or free healthcare coverage to children in Iowa based on family income guidelines. Students provided healthy snacks and literature on healthy lifestyles and the HAWK-I program at The Iowa Children's Museum on a night for which admission to the museum is free. Students also prepared and sent information promoting the HAWK-I program to households of qualifying income.

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

“Annual NEOUCOM Talent Show”

April 30, 2007

Medical students hosted an annual talent show allowing the students to showcase their talents to other students, faculty, and staff. The talent show raised awareness of the Open M Clinic, a free clinic in Akron to which the event proceeds were donated.

Michigan State University- Grand Rapids

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

May 1, 2007

In conjunction with other student organizations and with the other Michigan medical schools, medical students lobbied legislators at the state capitol to raise awareness of SCHIP and organized a health rally to inform the public about the state of the uninsured and to identify children to enroll into SCHIP programs.

University of Missouri- Kansas City School of Medicine

“Ride for World Health”

May 3, 2007

Medical students, in conjunction with Ride for World Health, organized a series of lectures and events pertaining to global and domestic health policy issues. Speakers included an AMA Trustee, who spoke about the AMA’s Plan to cover the uninsured, and a university faculty member who spoke on global health issues. Other events included a fundraiser, sessions on advocacy, including raising awareness about the uninsured in America and strategies to address the problem of the uninsured (e.g. SCHIP), and a letter-writing campaign to Congress.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week: Educating Patients and Future Physicians about Insurance Options for Kids and Families”

May 10, 2007

Medical students organized a series of lectures and other events to raise awareness of the crisis of the uninsured in the U.S. Lecture topics included the feasibility of a national health insurance plan and a discussion of the AMA’s proposal to expand health insurance coverage. Students also visited social service organizations and free clinics across the city to raise awareness of free and low-cost health insurance options. Finally, students participated in a debate that addressed various health insurance reform solutions.

Harvard Medical School

“Cover the Uninsured Lecture Series”

May 11, 2007

Medical students organized a two-part lecture series to educate the student community about current issues surrounding the growing problems of health insurance and access to care. Lecture topics included a comprehensive review of health insurance deficits as well as an overview of various solutions proposed by different groups, including the AMA, to target the uninsured population. Students also learned about SCHIP, SCHIP reauthorization, and options to enroll their own eligible patients in any existing free and low-cost health insurance programs.

University of Mississippi School of Medicine

“Jackson Free Clinic Service Project”

May 12, 2007

Medical students sponsored a day at the Jackson Free Clinic, a non-profit organization run and governed by medical students from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine with the mission of providing free quality medical care to the indigent and uninsured population of Jackson, Mississippi. The Jackson Free Clinic is the only completely free medical clinic in the Jackson metro area, providing physician consultations and medications at no cost to the patient.

Ohio State University College of Medicine

“Ride for World Health”

May 14, 2007

Medical students, in conjunction with Ride for World Health, organized a series of lectures and events pertaining to global and domestic health policy issues. Speakers included an AMA Trustee, who spoke about the AMA’s Plan to cover the uninsured, and a university faculty member who will speak on global health issues. Students also manned an AMA booth at a community service fair, where they educated the public on the SCHIP program and provided information on how students and doctors can get patients and members of the community enrolled in this program. Finally, students organized a letter-writing campaign in support of Medicare reimbursement reforms and expansion of current programs to include more uninsured individuals.

Rush Medical College

“Connecting the Uninsured with Community Clinics”

May 19, 2007

Medical students coordinated with community service organizations, health care professionals, and fellow students to sponsor a large health fair for the uninsured. As part of the fair, students prepared a guide to free health clinics in various neighborhoods throughout the city. They also distributed information about free and low-cost health insurance options. Following the fair, students contacted community free clinics to ensure that the clinics were able to accommodate the needs of patients referred to them.

Rush Medical College

“Spring Clean”

May 30, 2007

Medical students performed “spring cleaning” at three local free clinics. Work included painting, planting, spreading mulch, cleaning toys, and more.

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry

“Fundraiser Barbeque for St. Joseph's Clinic”

June 7, 2007

Medical students sponsored an end-of-the-year BBQ to raise money for the St. Joseph's Clinic, a local free clinic run by medical students, residents, and volunteer physicians. In addition to food, drink, and music, a raffle was held with gift certificates from local businesses. Proceeds were donated to the clinic.

University of Miami School of Medicine

“SCHIP Shape”

Sept. 8, 2007

Medical students organized an SCHIP enrollment fair as part of a larger annual health fair. Before the health fair, student volunteers were trained in the qualifying factors and application processes of Medicaid and Florida KidCare. At the fair, students worked through the application with each applicant, preventing mistakes that could delay or prevent the applicant’s child from gaining health insurance. A representative from Florida KidCare was assigned to the project to assist with student training and community outreach. Florida KidCare supplied the health fair with KidCare applications in English and Spanish, addressed stamped envelopes for the insurance applications, and KidCare informative brochures in English and Spanish.

University of Missouri School of Medicine- Columbia

“Dash for Diabetes”

Sept. 9, 2007

Medical students organized a 5K run/walk event to raise funds for a free health clinic in Kansas City and to raise awareness about the uninsured and diabetes. In addition to the race, students set up booths and distributed information about the uninsured and diabetes.

University of Massachusetts Medical School

“Back to School SCHIP Enrollment Fair”

Sept. 15, 2007

Medical students organized a Back To School SCHIP enrollment fair at a local YWCA. The event was publicized widely, including in newspaper/television ads, at local free clinics, at local public schools, and at local hospitals.

Wright State University School of Medicine

“SCHIP Student Legislative and Advocacy Update”

Sept. 20, 2007

Medical students organized a luncheon presentation that outlined the provisions of pending legislation to reauthorize and expand SCHIP. In addition to a student presenter, a local physician spoke about the complexities of the legislation and its impact on children's health care. Students also composed a descriptive letter advocating for the legislation's passage, obtained student signatures, and sent it to elected representatives.

Harvard Medical School

“Bowdoin Street Center Health Fair”

Sept. 29, 2007

Medical students co-organized a health fair with Boston's Bowdoin Street Health Center. Students provided health screenings as well as education about various health subjects. Students also distributed information about SCHIP to families and encouraged them to enroll their children. A representative from HealthCareForAll was present to speak to fair attendees about the MassHealth Plan.

University of Minnesota Medical School

“AMA-MSS Run for your Life 5K”

Sept. 29, 2007

Medical students organized a 5K charity race to raise money for a student-run medical clinic that provides free medical care to uninsured residents of Minneapolis. In addition to the race, students set up a booth and distributed information about the issue of the uninsured.

Brown University Medical School

“1st Annual Health Fair in Providence, Rhode Island”

Oct. 10, 2007

Medical students organized a health fair in downtown Providence at a local farmer's market. Students provided educational materials, gave brief educational talks throughout the day, provided demonstrations on healthy cooking, distributed first aid and disaster readiness kits, and performed various health screenings.

University of New Mexico School of Medicine

“Head Start Health Fair”

Oct. 19, 2007

Medical students organized a health screening and health fair for a local Head Start school. Students worked with physicians and nurses to screen approximately 150 preschool children for vision, hearing,

growth, blood pressure, etc. Students also provided families with information on community health resources, immunizations, nutrition, safety, and other topics. In addition, students coordinated with several community organizations to provide information and resources concerning dental care, health insurance, and car seats. Representatives from New Mexikids (New Mexico's State Children's Health Insurance Program) were in attendance to provide information on free and low cost insurance and enroll children on-site.

University of California – Irvine College of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

Nov. 16, 2007

Medical students organized a series of lunch time discussions related to covering the uninsured. Discussion topics included caring for the uninsured, the state of our current health care, and ways to remedy our system. A keynote lecture was held at the end of the week.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

“Health for the Holidays”

Dec. 15, 2007

Medical students organized an SCHIP enrollment fair. Students educated families about SCHIP and provided the opportunity for parents to enroll their eligible children. Students also provided activities and games for children, providing drinks and snacks, and gave away free turkeys for holiday meals.

Wright State University School of Medicine

“Federal and State Legislative Update”

Jan. 17, 2008

Medical students organized a legislative update on issues pertinent to students at both the state and federal levels. The elimination of the 20/220 rule and Ohio's Healthcare Simplification Act were presented, with time allowed for debate on each topic. The Ohio State Medical Association's Director of Government Relations and a state legislator were in attendance to present these issues and answer questions.

MSS Region 1 Meeting

“Health Care for the Underserved: How Will We Achieve Our Goals?”

January 18-19, 2008

The MSS Region 1 Meeting focused on issues related to covering the uninsured. The keynote speaker was the former governor of Oregon, who spoke about his experience with health care reform. Other events included a panel discussion on health care reform issues and a service project during which students painted and performed repairs at seven local free health clinics.

Rush University Medical College

“Presidential Candidates 2008”

January 29, 2008

Medical students organized a Presidential Candidates Panel to educate medical students about the major presidential candidates' health plans. A group of students researched each of the candidate's health policy platforms and presented these platforms to more than 150 of their fellow students in attendance.

MSS Region 6 Meeting

“Elementary School Health Fair”

February 2, 2008

As part of the MSS Region 6 Meeting, medical students organized a health fair at a local elementary school in an underserved area and spent a day with elementary students to serve as role models and educators. Medical students hosted booths and interactive activities to encourage healthy eating habits,

discuss the consequences of unhealthy eating behavior, how to exercise, the dangers of adolescent alcohol and drug abuse, and to educate the precautions and dangers of gun exposure.

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

“NEOUCOM/Open M Free Clinic Health Fair”

February 19, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local free clinic. More than forty medical student and other volunteers provided information to fairgoers on various health topics such as diabetes, nutrition, and physical activity. Volunteers also provided blood glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, and BMI screenings, and a physician was on hand to speak to fairgoers about their screening results.

MSS Region 2 Meeting

“Community Service Project and Lecture on the AMA Plan”

March 1, 2008

As part of the MSS Region 2 Meeting, medical students volunteered at a student-run mobile clinic that provides health care for the uninsured. In addition, an AMA Trustee gave a lecture on the AMA proposal for health care reform.

MSS Region 7 Meeting

“Becoming a Better Advocate”

March 1, 2008

As part of the MSS Region 7 Meeting, medical students organized a number of events related to covering the uninsured. Events included a forum discussion on health care and the 2008 election, an SCHIP letter-writing campaign, and a discussion of how students can become involved in Cover the Uninsured Week.

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

“Presentation of Presidential Candidates' Positions on Health Care”

March 3, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch event in the days leading up to the Ohio Primary to provide students with information about and to allow students to discuss the Presidential candidates' positions on health care.

University of Toledo College of Medicine

“Caring for the Underserved; Covering the Uninsured”

March 17, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch seminar on the issue of the uninsured featuring AMA President Dr. Ron Davis.

Indiana University School of Medicine

“Bloomington Community Health Fair”

March 22, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local library. In addition to providing information about health eating, exercise, and other health topics, students provided fairgoers with free blood glucose and blood pressure screenings and height and weight measurements.

Emory, Morehouse, Medical College of Georgia, and Mercer

“Faces of the Uninsured”

March 25, 2008

Students from medical schools across Georgia designed posters depicting the "faces of the uninsured" and telling stories of the uninsured. These posters were displayed at a large candlelight vigil held at a County hospital near the State Capitol.

The University of Vermont

“AMA Lecture Series - Government and Health care”

March 26, 2008

Medical students organized a lecture series intended to spark an interest in students about the system of medicine and the impact students have. Executives from Fletcher Allen Health Center presented a lecture on "The System of Medicine."

University of Massachusetts Medical School

“Encouraging AMA Involvement on Campus”

March 29, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures to address the importance of joining the AMA and to inform students of opportunities for involvement within the AMA. One such lecture addressed the AMA-MSS National Service Project (Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care) and encourage student participation with the student-run free clinic and in enrolling eligible individuals in free and low-cost public health insurance programs.

George Washington University School of Medicine/ Howard University College of Medicine

“Lobby Day Reception: Bowl for the Uninsured”

March 30, 2008

Medical students from two Washington, D.C., medical schools organized a informational and social event for MSS/RFS Lobby Day attendees. In addition to providing a venue for state delegations to meet prior to their meetings with members of Congress, the event included information on the AMA Voice for the Uninsured Campaign as well as speakers who addressed the issue of access to care.

MSS/RFS Lobby Day

March 31, 2008

“Covering the Uninsured and Protecting Access to Care” was one of the main focuses of 2008 MSS/RFS Lobby Day. An AMA Trustee presented the AMA proposal for health care reform, and medical students and residents lobbied members of Congress on health care reform issues.

Jefferson Medical College

“Health Fair”

April 4, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a shopping center near a busy subway station. Students set up tables and distributed information on topics such as smoking cessation, diabetes, cancer, STDs, nutrition, exercise, literacy, and free and low-cost health insurance options, such as SCHIP. Physicians were on hand to answer any questions and provide blood pressure and blood glucose screenings.

University of Mississippi School of Medicine

“Volunteer Day at the Jackson Free Clinic”

April 5, 2008

Medical students organized a "volunteer day" at a local student-run free clinic.

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

“Run for Access to Care for Everyone”

April 6, 2008

Medical students organized a 5K fun run/race to promote health lifestyles, raise awareness about the uninsured, and promote the goal of access to care for everyone. Proceeds were donated to a local student-run free clinic.

Eastern Virginia Medical School

“Community Care Day”

April 7, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair for the general public at which they provided free health screenings and information on nutrition. Students also distributed information on free health clinics and on free and low cost health insurance options for the uninsured, including FAMIS, Virginia's SCHIP.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine

“LLU-AMA Week of Education”

April 7, 2008

Medical students organized an entire week of lunchtime educational sessions on med education tuition costs, 20/220 bill, debt management and a visit to California Congressman Jerry Lewis' office to discuss health care problems on local, state, and national levels.

Florida State University College of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 7, 2008

Medical students organized a weeklong series of speakers panels on issues related to the uninsured, including the AMA proposal for health care reform.

SUNY Upstate Medical University

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 10, 2008

Medical students organized a series of events for Cover the Uninsured Week. The week kicked off with a multi-location health fair addressing chronic disease screening and education for the uninsured and medically underserved. Other events included a lecture on the issue of the uninsured and suggestions for reform as well as an SCHIP enrollment fair at a local middle school.

University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

“Access to Care - Forum on Student-Run Clinics”

April 12, 2008

Medical students from all four North Carolina medical schools organized a forum on student-run clinics. Speakers included medical student leaders of student-run clinics and faculty members who help with student-run clinic initiatives.

Loma Linda University School of Medicine

“2nd Annual Silent Auction & Gala Fundraiser”

April 13, 2008

Medical students organized a fundraising event that included a silent auction, dinner, and a concert. The issue of the uninsured was presented to attendees through the inclusion at each table of stories about uninsured individuals. Proceeds from the event were donated to Loma Linda's student-run free clinic.

Ohio State University

“Physician's Free Clinic 5K Fun Run”

April 13, 2008

Medical students organized a 5K fun run/race with proceeds going to their Physician's Free Clinic (PFC). They also held a health screening fair.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

“SCHIP Enrollment and Education Fair”

April 13 2008

Medical students organized an SCHIP enrollment and education fair at a local supermarket. In addition to providing information to parents about available insurance options, the fair provided entertainment for waiting children in the form of games and various arts and crafts activities.

Wayne State University School of Medicine

“AMA Proposal for Healthcare Reform”

April 16, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch seminar featuring AMA President Dr. Ron Davis. Dr. Davis presented the AMA proposal and answered student questions.

Alpert Medical School of Brown University

“Health Care Reform Discussion”

April 18, 2008

Medical students organized lunch and dinner lectures featuring a speaker from the Rhode Island Medical Society, who addressed issues of health care reform and how various proposed reforms will impact physicians and the practice of medicine.

University of Louisville School of Medicine

““Hear and Gather” (Benefit Concert for Free Clinics)”

April 18, 2008

Medical students organized a benefit concert for two student-run free clinics that provide health care for the uninsured.

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

“Rogers Park Community Wellness Fair”

April 19, 2008

Medical students organized a community health fair focused on primary prevention in the community. Health fair "stations" included healthy cooking demonstrations, small-group stress relief/relaxation exercises, discussions and demonstrations of simple physical activity, and discussions of the importance of good nutrition and oral health.

University at Buffalo School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week Lecture Series”

April 21, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures on the uninsured. Speakers included local physicians, health insurance experts, hospital administrators, and representatives from local free clinics that provide health care for the uninsured.

Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 21, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures, seminars, and a movie screening for Cover the Uninsured Week. Lecture/seminar topics included the AMA Proposal for Health Care Reform (presented by an AMA Trustee), health insurance options available in North Carolina, and a debate on the presidential candidates' health care plans.

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 22, 2008

Medical students organized a panel discussion with a health economist who provided a different perspective on policy reform. Patients and doctors gave personal anecdotes about the uninsured population.

University of Toledo College of Medicine

“Presidential Candidate Healthcare Platforms and Potential Impacts on Careers in Medicine”

April 24, 2008

Medical students organized a lunchtime forum to discuss the presidential candidates' health care plans and how the plans could impact the practice of medicine. Speakers included physicians and attorneys with expertise in health policy issues. Specific issues addressed included physician reimbursement, medical liability reform, Medicare payment reform, uninsured/access to care, education and research funding, and patient safety.

Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 24, 2008

Medical students hosted six educational events related to covering the uninsured, including health policy lectures and sessions on how physicians can make a career of serving the uninsured. Students also hosted a health fair to provide uninsured patients with various health screenings and to connect them to available resources in the community.

Temple University School of Medicine

“Elementary School Outreach”

April 25, 2008

Medical students visited a local elementary school, where they set up booths and gave educational talks to students. Using interactive games and exercise, elementary school students were informed about free and low-cost health insurance programs (e.g. SCHIP) and a number of health issues such as bicycle safety, sunscreen use, the dangers of alcohol use, and the importance of exercise.

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

“AMA Cover the Uninsured”

April 25, 2008

Medical students hosted a dinner lecture of the state of health care reform and the AMA's proposal for health care reform. The lecture was followed by a discussion of the AMA proposal and other alternatives to expand access to care.

University of Oklahoma College of Medicine

“OU Community Health Alliance - Bridges to Access”

April 25, 2008

Medical students organized a forum to address the health care issues of the uninsured and underinsured in the Oklahoma City community and to erect bridges of communication between various aspects of the community. The forum included speakers from local free clinics, community leaders, medical school faculty and administration, and student representatives from the various health professions at the University of Oklahoma.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

“AMA Health Education Fair”

April 28, 2008

Medical students conducted health fairs for fourth and fifth graders at two public schools. The fairs addressed issues such as healthy lifestyles and habits, safety, and covering the uninsured. Health fair activities included interactive games, as well as handouts for parents to enable the promotion of healthy habits at home. Students also provided information to parents on SCHIP coverage for their children.

Mayo Medical School

“Lecture on Expanding Health Insurance Coverage”

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a lecture by Glen Forbes, the CEO of the Mayo Clinic, who spoke about his experience with Healthy Minnesota 2010. Healthy Minnesota 2010 aims to ensure that all Minnesota residents have insurance coverage by 2010, reform the payment system and strengthen coordination of care, and strengthen the public health system in Minnesota.

University of Miami Miler School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a weeklong campaign addressing the issue of the uninsured. A series of lectures addressed such topics as how physicians can route uninsured patients to available resources and how physicians can successfully run a practice that sees mostly Medicaid and uninsured patients. Students also set up a booth near a public transportation hub and provided information about free and low-cost health insurance options like SCHIP.

University of Toledo College of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week Health Screen”

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a health screening at a local YWCA. Held in conjunction with AMWA and AMSA, the event provided free screening for hypertension, diabetes, and BMI.

Stony Brook University School of Medicine

“The Uninsured: Perspectives from the Frontline”

April 29, 2008

Medical students organized a panel event at which a local physician, a member of local hospital council, and a number of uninsured patients shared their experiences with treating the uninsured and being uninsured.

University of Alabama School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week Rally and Lecture”

May 1, 2008

Medical students organized a rally at the local county hospital to raise awareness about the issue of the uninsured. The rally was followed by a debate on health policy between representatives of the presidential candidates.

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

“Health Care Reform Debate”

May 1, 2008

Medical students hosted a debate/panel discussion. An AMA Board member discussed the AMA proposal for health care reform, and a representative from the Single Payer Action Network (SPAN) discussed the SPAN proposal.

University of Michigan School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

May 1, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch seminar entitled "What Does the History of Health Care Reform in the U.S. Foretell for the Future?"

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Community Health Fair”

May 3, 2008

Medical students organized a health fair at a local church. In addition to offering various health screenings, students distributed information about free and low-cost health insurance options such as Medicaid, SCHIP, and Medicare.

University of Arizona School of Medicine

“Week of the Uninsured”

May 5, 2008

Medical students organized a series of lectures on issues pertaining to covering the uninsured. Speakers included representatives of presidential candidates speaking about the candidates' health care reform plans, and a representative from the AMA speaking about the AMA proposal for health care reform.

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

May 7, 2008

Medical students organized and hosted a series of lunchtime talks to take place each day during Cover the Uninsured Week. Topics included "Patient Assistance Programs: Prescription Drugs and the Uninsured," "Cover All Pennsylvanians: The Governor's Health Care Proposal," and "Healthcare for All PA." A Dutch auction, selling services and goods donated by students and faculty, raised money for the Birmingham Clinic, a local clinic that serves uninsured patients.

Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Week”

May 7, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch lecture featuring a physician who spoke about covering the uninsured. In addition to discussing the economic realities of covering 47 million uninsured Americans, the physician spoke about the importance of preventive medicine in instituting meaningful health care reform.

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

“Who Are the Uninsured?”

May 9, 2008

Medical students organized a lunch lecture on health care reform and a health screening fair at which they distributed information on covering the uninsured.

University of Florida College of Medicine

“Increasing Awareness of the University of Florida Equal Access Clinic”

May 11, 2008

Medical students organized a campaign to raise awareness among the uninsured of a local student run clinic that provides free care for those in need. The campaign included the development and distribution of informational materials as well as a volunteer day at the clinic.

University of Illinois College of Medicine

“Carle Foundation Hospital Panel Discussion”

May 16, 2008

Medical students organized a panel discussion at a community hospital, the Carle Foundation Hospital, for Cover the Uninsured Week. The Vice President of Clinical Operations and the Vice President of Medical Affairs lead the discussion. Topics covered included operations, funding opportunities, history, and other aspects of the hospital. The speakers also answered questions from medical students.

University of Washington School of Medicine

“Latina Health Fair - Basic Health Screening”

May 17, 2008

Medical students participated in a community-based health fair designed to reach women who lack health insurance or access to health care services. Students performed basic health screening services and educated fair-goers on the importance of healthy lifestyles and establishing care with regular providers.

Baylor University College of Medicine

“AMA Proposal for Healthcare Reform Lunch Lecture”

May 23, 2008

Medical students organized a two-part lunch lecture/discussion on the AMA proposal for health care reform. The first session featured an AMA Trustee, who presented the AMA proposal, while the second session presented students with the opportunity to discuss the merits of the AMA proposal and ways students can become involved in covering the uninsured.

University of Colorado School of Medicine

“Health Action Conference”

Aug. 22, 2008

Medical students hosted a conference with the theme “Advocacy, Service, and the Health Care Professional’s Role.” Multiple leaders in the field of health care reform spoke to students and participated in discussion sessions about ways to address Colorado’s health care shortages. The conference also included a community health fair and BBQ, with a vaccination clinic, sports physical services, Medicaid enrollment, and voter registration.

Albany Medical College

“Cover the Uninsured at the Valley Cats Baseball Game”

Aug. 24, 2008

A group of nearly fifty medical students attended a minor league baseball game wearing purple AMA Voice for the Uninsured t-shirts. Before and during the game, students spoke with fans about the issue of the uninsured and distributed information on the AMA Voice for the Uninsured campaign and on local free and low-cost health care options for the uninsured.

Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

“Dash for Diabetes – 5K Run/Walk”

Sept. 20, 2008

Medical students organized a 5K Run/Walk with proceeds donated to a local free health clinic that provides care for the uninsured. In addition to the race, students organized a health fair, with health education booths, activities for children, and information on free and low-cost health insurance options for the uninsured.

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

“Free Clinics Now Charity Basketball Tournament”

Sept. 21, 2008

Medical students organized a 3-on-3 charity basketball tournament to raise money to start a fund that will provide financial support to free clinics run by medical students in California. Teams from multiple California medical schools competed in the tournament, which was followed by a social gala.

University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine

“Blood Pressure Screenings”

Sept. 25, 2008

Medical students provided blood pressure screenings for uninsured, high risk patients at a local soup kitchen.

University of Tennessee College of Medicine

“Cover the Uninsured Health Fair”

Sept. 27, 2008

Medical students participated in a large, annual health fair, where they provided BMI, blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol screenings. Students also distributed information on covering the uninsured, including AMA proposal materials and information about free and low-cost health insurance options for the uninsured.

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

“Health Screening at Elijah’s Promise”

Sept. 29, 2008

Medical students provided free health screenings at a local soup kitchen that serves the homeless and low-income families. Students also offered referrals to local free clinics and distributed information about free and low-cost health insurance options for the uninsured.

University of Maryland School of Medicine

“Health Care 2.0: A Forum on Health Care Reform in the 2008 Presidential Election”

Sept. 30, 2008

Medical students collaborated with law students to organize a forum featuring four nationally renowned health policy experts. The forum include a 15-minute clip from the documentary “Sicko,” a panel discussion and debate, and a question-and-answer session.

St. Louis University School of Medicine

“Election Week”

Oct. 6, 2008

Medical students organized a panel discussion featuring representatives from the presidential candidates’ campaigns who spoke about the candidates’ health care reform proposals. Students also organized a voter registration drive.

Medical University of South Carolina

“Presidential Health Care Forum”

Oct. 15, 2008

Medical students organized an event to bring together representatives of the presidential candidates to discuss issues that affect physicians, medical students, patients, and medical researchers.

Drexel University College of Medicine

“Mock Presidential Debate – Health Care Policies”

Oct. 28, 2008

Medical students organized a mock presidential debate on health care reform. Using the presidential candidates’ Web sites, a group of students researched the candidates’ health care reform proposals, presented the proposals to their fellow students, and then engaged in a debate about the proposals.

Medical College of Wisconsin

“MCW Dance Marathon – An Event for the Uninsured”

Nov. 1, 2008

Medical students organized a 12-hour dance marathon to raise awareness about the issue of the uninsured and to raise money for a student-run, free medical clinic that provides care for uninsured patients. In addition to dancing, the event included discussions of the AMA proposal for health care reform and on the presidential candidates’ health care reform proposals, a letter-writing campaign to urge members of Congress to support health care reform legislation, and an SCHIP enrollment fair.

Morehouse School of Medicine

“Healing Broken Health Care: The Outlook for Health Care in the 21st Century”

Nov. 5, 2008

Medical students organized a forum to address the current state of access to health care in the U.S. The forum included a key-note speaker and a panel discussion featuring various health care experts, including faculty members and community activists. The panel discussion was followed by a question-and-answer session.

Jefferson Medical College

“Open Mic Night: Health Care and the Election”

Nov. 7, 2008

Medical student organized a lecture delivered by a prominent health policy expert (and physician). The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session and an open debate on health care reform issues.

Creighton University School of Medicine

“What Does the AMA Do? A Night to Discuss Health Care Reform and Covering the Uninsured”

Nov. 14, 2008

Medical students organized an event featuring a member of the Nebraska Medical Association, who spoke about health care reform and local efforts to cover the uninsured.

University of Virginia School of Medicine

“President Health Care Forum”

Nov. 27, 2008

Medical students organized a forum featuring a faculty member to discuss health care policies under the current and next presidential administrations. Issues covered included covering the uninsured, access to care, health disparities, and health care reform.

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

“Dressing Up Little Rock”

Dec. 20, 2008

Medical students organized an event at a local grocery store at which they distributed free food to needy families. Students also provided free blood pressure screening as well as information about free local clinics and free and low-cost health insurance options for children (e.g. SCHIP).