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Since 1987, they have advocated for reform in the US health care system. A large part of their work involves educating health professionals about the benefits of a Single-Payer system--including fewer administrative costs and affording health insurance for the 41 million Americans who have none. Their members and physician activists work toward a Single-Payer National Health Program in their communities. PNHP organizes rallies, town hall meetings, and debates; coordinates speakers and forum discussions; contributes Op-Eds and articles to the nation's top newspapers, medical journals and magazines; and appears regularly on national television and news programs advocating for a Single-Payer system.

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Health and Medicine Policy Research Group has a twenty-three year history of evaluating local health policy as an independent, voluntary policy center with a mission centering on the health of the poor and underserved. Health and Medicine has been long familiar with the developments that have shaped the availability of health care to the poor in the region, and has maintained its influence by developing groundbreaking standards for public programs.

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IHPS’s overarching goal is to develop cost-effective approaches that build towards **coverage by and for all** Americans. IHPS provides analysis and expert assistance towards coverage of working uninsured populations. A current example is a new project headed by Mr. Curtis that will develop and analyze alternative state strategies to cover California’s uninsured with varying combinations of individual and/or employer participation requirements.

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