

Pro/Con on the Proposal for Concurrence at LWWUS Convention With Language Excerpted From the 2021 LWWNY Positions on Healthcare and Healthcare Financing

- 1 Should the LWWUS position on Healthcare include support for “safe staffing”?
Pro: This would protect patients and providers from injury
Con: Regulating the number of staff reduces management flexibility
- 2 Should the LWWUS position on Healthcare include a call to protect vulnerable populations to protect overall public health?
Pro: Infection spreads easily from vulnerable to general populations, and prevention saves money in the long run.
Con: It costs money and taxes upfront to provide healthcare for those who can’t pay for their own.
- 3 Should health insurance coverage be tied to employment (as now) or should residents have access to healthcare regardless of employment status?
Pro: The pandemic showed what happens when millions of families lose access to health insurance when a parent loses their job
Con: The current system has worked for 70 years, with employers subsidizing part of the cost.
- 4 Should single-payer legislation be required to provide not just equitable access to healthcare but also financial feasibility and affordability for patients and taxpayers?
Pro: Single-payer programs save overall healthcare dollars
Con: It’s not been proven that what works in other countries can transfer to the U.S.
- 5 Should proposed cost-control methods project both equitable access and overall savings?
Pro: Cost controls do not have to reduce access or increase health problems.
Con: Cost controls result in limiting access.
- 6 In the absence of a federal program funding universal health care, should states be allowed to enact programs that comply with League principles?
Pro: States are the “laboratories of democracy” and can pilot new approaches.
Con: Americans move around too much for this to be effective.
- 7 Should the public participate in setting policy for healthcare administration?
Pro: If we want the public to be satisfied with decisions, the public should have a say in the services provided
Con: Healthcare policy is too complicated for public participation.