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## Health Reform: An Invitation to Contribute to the Discussion

The run up to the November election brought a lot of attention to health reform. Both major candidates presented relatively complete plans for major changes in the way we pay for health care and how we structure our health care delivery system. The appointments by President Obama point to a sustained effort to implement real change. This has prompted many experts and representatives of patients, providers, and payers to propose their own plans for reform. The *North Carolina Medical Journal* will be taking a part in this discussion with a section of the *Journal* devoted to articles and analyses that focus on reform. We would like to invite submissions that help the readership of the *Journal* understand why reform may be necessary, how the system should be changed, and how national reform will affect North Carolina. We invite scholarly discussions and analyses as well as commentaries that help illustrate the benefits as well as the problems that comprehensive change will bring to the costs, quality, and outcomes of health care and to the health of the people of North Carolina. The seventh installment of this series starts on page 26 of this issue of the *Journal*.

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