

**Resource 6 (1 of 2)****Reform Graphic Organizer and Reform Criteria**

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- ▶ What are the criteria by which you would evaluate a proposal to reform healthcare policy in the United States? Think about the economic concepts of equity, efficiency, costs, benefits, and trade-offs. (For example, given the projected growth in Medicare costs and its impact on deficits and debt, one criterion might be by how much a proposed reform will reduce projected growth in costs. This criterion is already entered into the organizer as an example.)
  
- ▶ Rank the criteria listed above in order of importance. How much weight would you give each one? Why?
  
- ▶ For each criterion, what questions would you ask and what evidence would you seek to determine whether the reform meets the criterion?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ▶ If you were to score projected reforms for success, do you believe it is possible for a reform to score well on all your criteria? Why or why not? What does this tell us about the economic concepts of trade-offs and opportunity cost?

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<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
Effect on future costs, deficits, and debt	How will this reform reduce costs? By how much? How do we know?	Experiences of other countries, states, etc. that have tried this reform; experiments in reducing costs; the portion of current healthcare costs that the savings in the reform represent
<b>Equity</b>		
<b>Efficiency</b>		
<b>Costs</b>		
<b>Benefits</b>		
<b>Trade-offs</b>		