



Michigan Nonprofit Association

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Lisa Sommer, Media Relations Manager
517.492.2412 (direct)
sommer@mnaonline.org

Rising Health Care Costs a Concern for Michigan Nonprofits

September 15, 2009 - Lansing, MI – Health care reform is a critical issue for Michigan nonprofits. A recent survey conducted by the Michigan Nonprofit Association and Johnson Center at Grand Valley State University assessed how the current health care system is affecting nonprofits as employers. Nine out of ten responding nonprofits are concerned about their ability to continue providing health care benefits due to rising costs.

The *Rising Health Care Costs a Concern for Michigan Nonprofits* survey report can be viewed at www.MNAonline.org/healthcare.asp. If you agree health care reform is an issue for Michigan nonprofits, the results may seem obvious, but there are two striking findings that deserve repeating:

- **Health care costs impact Michigan nonprofits' ability to attract and retain talent while responding to shrinking revenues.**
- **Reform of the current health care system is near universally important to Michigan nonprofits.**

Today, Michigan Nonprofit Association's Board of Trustees met and adopted the following statement in regards to Michigan Nonprofit Association's position on health care reform.

Michigan Nonprofit Association believes that health care reform should embrace the following set of principles:

- Health care reform should ensure high-quality health care;
- Health care reform should have as an ultimate goal to provide universal access to affordable health care;
- Health care reform should address the needs of the nonprofit community and the people it serves; and
- Health care reform should not add financial burdens to the nonprofit community that are not shared by other sectors of society.

Michigan Nonprofit Association will use this position to guide our efforts as we track the federal and state legislative proposals on health care reform and the potential impact of such reforms on the nonprofit community. For more information about the impact of health care reform on nonprofits, visit www.MNAonline.org/healthcare.asp.

About Michigan Nonprofit Association

Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) increases the capacity of Michigan's nonprofits to serve, strengthen and transform communities. With nearly 1,200 members, MNA serves as a statewide network for the sector, a resource center on effective management practices, and as an advocate for the nonprofit community. For more information, visit www.mnaonline.org.

###