



SIOUX FALLS AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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**Position Statement:**  
Initiated Measure 17 “*Any Willing Provider*”

In the November 2014 General Election, voters will be asked to consider a proposal commonly known as "Any Willing Provider." The proposal would require insurance plans to include any qualified healthcare provider that is willing to provide services to a patient under an existing provider contract. Thus, as long as the healthcare provider is willing to live by the terms of the health or managed care agreement, they can participate as if they are a party.

***The Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce adopts a position opposing Initiated Measure 17, “Any Willing Provider.”***

Rationale: The Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is a proponent of measures that help its members provide health insurance coverage to their employees and make employer coverage as affordable and accessible as possible. Healthcare policy decisions regarding mandates must be dealt with after careful consideration of all material factors so that the impact of such mandates can be predicted with some certainty. The Chamber Board is concerned that passage of IM17 will result in increased health insurance costs for employers and their employees.