

Politics Aside, "We Need Healthcare Reform"

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When the U. S. Senate begins its monthlong recess today (Aug. 7), the debate over an overhaul of the nation's healthcare insurance system will move to town halls and bully pulpits until Congress reconvenes in the fall.

Watch the video of Dr. Rick Streiffer, professor and chair of the [Department of Family and Community Medicine](#) at the Tulane University School of Medicine, discussing why he believes the changes and improvements in our healthcare system being discussed are long overdue.

"Healthcare costs are out of control, and this country simply cannot afford to have the cost of health care growing at the rate that it's been growing," says Streiffer. "The United States spends more per capita on health care than any industrialized country, yet we are at the bottom of quality and outcomes assessments."