SUPPORT OF REFORMS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The Health Care Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia welcomes the following reforms in the health care system that have been presented to the public:

- allocation of funds by Croatian Health Insurance Fund from the state treasury with the aim to use resources collected for health care to increase quality and the number of health care services whose scope and availability are sustainable in the long term

- intention to implement public procurement in health care with the use of criteria for selecting the most economically advantageous offer, in order to really gain maximum value for the invested financial resources and to enable evaluation of innovative medical technologies and foresee the total service life cost of procured medical technology

- recognition of the need to define health care standards (pursuant to Article 33 of the Compulsory Health Insurance Act), i.e. standard service packages to which a recipient of basic health insurance is entitled, with the simultaneous introduction of the legal possibility to choose and cover the costs of medical treatment above the standard at the expense of the service recipient (personal surcharge, supplementary and private insurance)

- continuing to provide transparent information to the public about the provided medical services by providing publicly available applicable and comparable indicators of quality and performance of health care providers

- intention to provide financial support to those health care providers who provide services in a quality, efficient and sustainable manner

- intention to optimize existing capacities with the aim of efficient system management sustainable in the long term

- intention to strengthen the role of systematic HTA (health technology assessment) to direct the total (human and material) potential of the health care system toward cost-justified medical technologies that have been proven effective

- encouraging the collection of data in the form of registers (patient / disease / med. technology) and the use of this data specific for Croatia, and therefore completely applicable in making decisions about health care system management

We believe that all of these measures would greatly contribute to the increase in quality and number of health care services and long-term sustainable management of the health care system, and enable the implementation of right to an informed choice of the health care scope and provider.