Healthcare Safety Net Programs

• What are the key features of healthcare safety net programs?
  ➢ Who are the target population?
  ➢ How are the programs funded?
• If the uninsured gain insurance coverage and have more choices of providers, will the patients turn away from safety net providers?

➢ Why do patients choose to seek care from safety net facilities/providers?
• How do we continue with the provision of needed services to patients as well as addressing the health care reform goals of improving efficiency and quality?

- What are the quality indicators?
- What are the challenges?
What are the effects of the US political culture on safety net programs?

- Federalism
- Individualism
- Capitalism – business oriented
• Future of Healthcare Safety Net Programs?

• What policy changes (federal, state etc.) do we propose to expand coverage and efficiency of safety net programs?