

Legislator Scoring System

HEALTHCARE-NOW!

The first step in developing your legislative campaign is to score the level of support of the legislators in your delegation. It's extremely important that, beyond the two lowest levels of support (opposition and neutrality), **every rating must be based on a measurable act you can ask your legislator to do**. Having your legislator co-sponsor a bill or add something to their campaign website, for example, are measurable acts. Your ratings system then effectively captures your campaign goals: to move legislators up your ratings system by asking them to do the actions on your scorecard that indicate increasing commitment and leadership.

You can use our sample ratings system below, or develop your own based on what you want your legislators to do as they increase their level of support (which is an important organizing question - take your time!).

Sample Legislative Scores

| Rating | Support Level | Measurable Action(s) |
|--------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | Hostile | Has spoken in opposition to single-payer healthcare |
| 2 | Neutral | Not on the record on this issue |
| 3 | Leaning Supportive | Is a past co-sponsor, or has spoken publicly in support of single-payer, has supported intermediate legislation (such as a single-payer study bill) |
| 4 | Supportive | Current co-sponsor of the legislation |
| 5 | Champion | Explains support for single-payer on their campaign website, speaks publicly in favor of single-payer reform, adds name to dear-colleague letter |

Your Legislative Scores

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|--------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |