

Yes, health care for immigrants too

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With politicians fleeing as fast as they can the idea that any health care aid, in the reform package, will assist undocumented workers, or illegal aliens, depending on your perspective, it was refreshing to hear Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl reaffirm the need to provide universal health care "from the bottom up." This, he said, affirming Catholic teaching and echoing statements from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is a moral imperative.

[Wrote Wuerl](#) [1] in an op-ed today: "A particular gauge against which to measure true universal coverage would be how reform treats the immigrants in our midst who contribute their labor and taxes to our nation, but are at risk of being left out of health care reform."

"Securing health care that protects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and an urgent national priority."

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