

5. Increase funding for research. Fund basic and applied medical research, health services research and independent research on the effectiveness, costs and benefits of different treatments compared to each other.

Although both candidates’ proposal offers differing initiatives for expanding funding for and promoting medical, health services and effectiveness research, they seem to agree that increasing funding for research is needed. Obama seek to establish an independent “center for comparative effectiveness”; while McCain seeks to dedicate federal funding for research on chronic care managements.

Side-by-Side Comparison of the Candidates’ Proposals to Increase Funding for Research.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)	Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL)
<p>Promote innovative health care delivery systems, including retail health clinics.</p> <p>Dedicate federal research on the basis of sound science with greater focus on chronic illness care and management.</p> <p>For more information visit the McCain website.</p>	<p>Establish an independent institute for comparative effectiveness review, research and other patient safety efforts.</p> <p>Accelerate efforts to develop and disseminate best practices.</p> <p>For more information visit the Obama website.</p>