

The History of Healthcare Reform

1939

National healthcare insurance reform was first introduced.

1940s

President Truman then prioritized healthcare reform during his term.

1970s

President Nixon offered the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program to become a discussion point.

1994

President Clinton proposed the Health Security Act in 1994.

None of these efforts at healthcare reform were successful, and none made it up for discussion and debate on the floor of the House or Senate during their proposition.

2010

President Obama supported the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and Congress enacted it.

The timing to ensure successful implementation was multifactorial. The party's majority to push through the approval was in place. President Obama began with a trial of this reform in the state of Massachusetts to ensure barriers and challenges were addressed on a smaller scale before going nationwide with this effort.