



September 15, 2010

Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington , D.C. 20201

Honorable Jeffery Zients  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
Room 252  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Sebelius and Director Zients,

The undersigned organizations write to you as members of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC). We represent a diverse group of over 700 stakeholders on the front lines of health care delivery, including business, consumers, insurers, and clinicians. PCPCC has a number of principles including that primary care and the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) are the foundations of a high performing health care system.

The medical home model is a key construct to focus care coordination resources, advance the meaningful use of electronic health records, enhance access to the variety of services available to providers and patients and reduce health disparities. In collaboration with supporting practitioners, technologies and health team members, the medical home can provide information and services that improve patient care and population health. A guiding principle of the PCMH is that comprehensive, continuous, coordinated, and preventive care, managed by a highly trained physician (or in certain states, nurse practitioners and physicians assistants) in a transformed practice, can *prevent* complications that could result in a patient becoming high-need or high-cost.

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We are writing to request that the Administration's proposed budget fully fund the following programs in the FY2012 budget at their authorized level, as recently authorized in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152). These programs promote primary care, particularly in the emphasis on developing and teaching the PCMH model.

- Title VII Section 747 of the Public Health Service Act, Primary Care Training and Enhancement, for training in the fields of family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, or physician assistantship. We recommend a sum of \$170 million for FY 2012.
- Title VII Section 749A of the Public Health Service Act, Teaching Health Centers Development Grants, which would provide grants and Graduate Medical Education funding for Teaching Health Centers to train primary care physicians in community based settings. We recommend the fully authorized level of \$50 million for FY 2012.
- Section 338H(a) of the Public Health Service Act, National Health Service Corps, which puts medical professionals in Health Professional Shortage Areas, meeting the need for health care in underserved areas. We recommend the fully authorized level of \$535,087,442 for FY 2012.
- Title III Section 399W of the Public Health Service Act, Primary Care Extension Program to educate and provide technical assistance to primary care providers about evidence-based therapies, preventive medicine, health promotion, chronic disease management, mental health, and medical homes. We recommend the fully authorized level of \$120 million for FY 2012.
- Establishment of community-based interdisciplinary, inter-professional teams to support primary care practices in support of the patient-centered medical home.
- Establishment of grants to implement medication management services in the treatment of chronic disease, reducing medical errors, and improving patient adherence to therapies while reducing acute care costs and reducing hospital readmissions.

We urge you to include full funding of these programs in the FY2012 budget request. Thank you for your recognition that primary care and the PCMH are key factors to creating a health care system that results in high quality and affordable care. We are happy to discuss this matter with you or your staffs in greater detail.



Sincerely,

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American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Physicians  
American Geriatrics Society  
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Common Ground Integrative Health Inc.  
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Massachusetts Coalition for Primary Care Reform  
Medical Network One  
Minnesota Healthcare Network/Midwest IPA  
National Association of Chain Drug Stores  
Natl Found for Mental Health  
PDA, Inc.  
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