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PCC Better Health NOW Committee Meeting

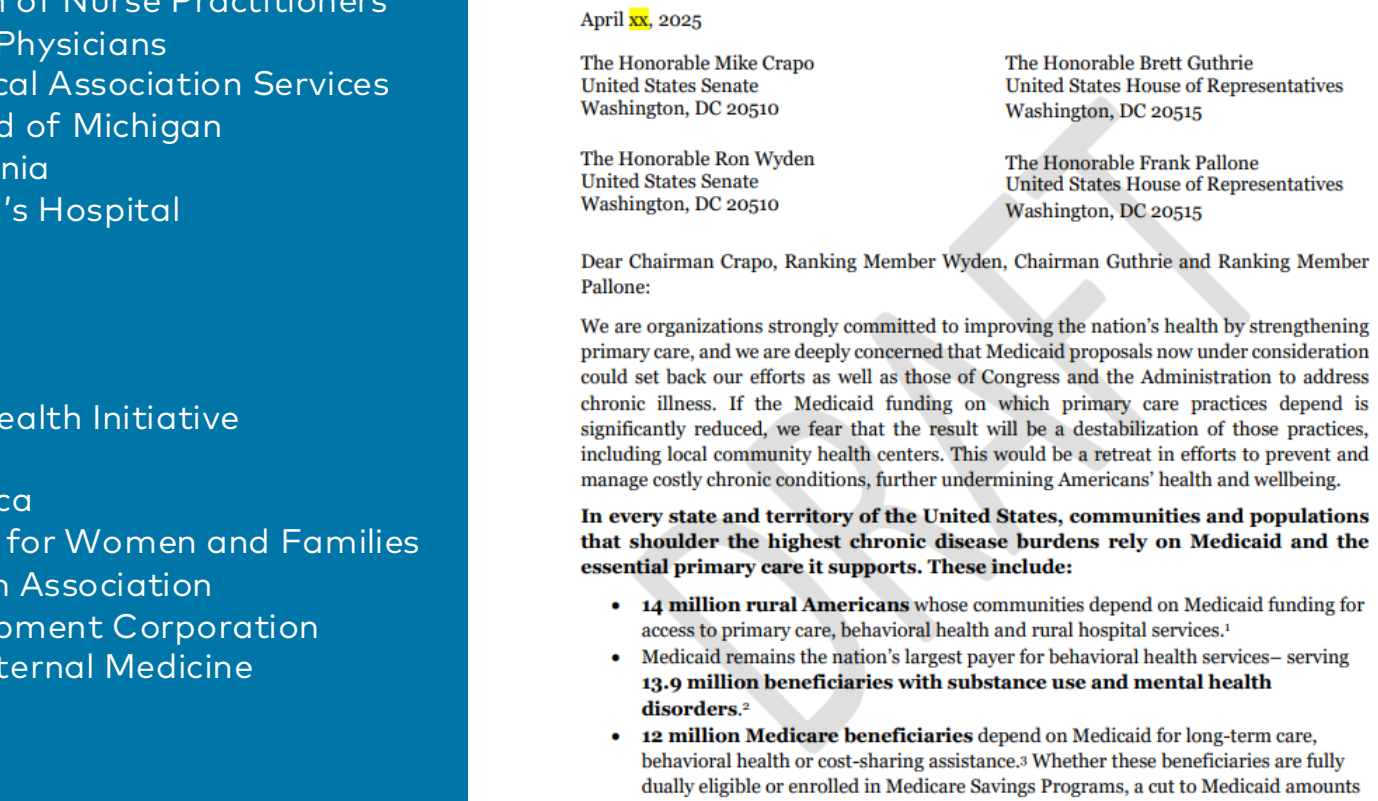
Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 | 2:30 – 3:15 PM ET

agenda

I. Welcome & Announcements	Larry McNeely, Primary Care Collaborative
II. Discussion of Cancelled CMS Innovation Center Models	All Participants
III. Next Steps for ACO PC Flex Model	All Participants

Medicaid Sign On

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Physician Associates
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners
- American College of Physicians
- American Psychological Association Services
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
- Blue Shield of California
- Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Community Catalyst
- Elation Health
- Families USA
- HealthTeamWorks
- Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative
- MEDIS
- Mental Health America
- National Partnership for Women and Families
- National Rural Health Association
- Primary Care Development Corporation
- Society of General Internal Medicine
- Upstream USA
- VillageMD



April xx, 2025

The Honorable Mike Crapo
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Crapo, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone:

We are organizations strongly committed to improving the nation's health by strengthening primary care, and we are deeply concerned that Medicaid proposals now under consideration could set back our efforts as well as those of Congress and the Administration to address chronic illness. If the Medicaid funding on which primary care practices depend is significantly reduced, we fear that the result will be a destabilization of those practices, including local community health centers. This would be a retreat in efforts to prevent and manage costly chronic conditions, further undermining Americans' health and wellbeing.

In every state and territory of the United States, communities and populations that shoulder the highest chronic disease burdens rely on Medicaid and the essential primary care it supports. These include:

- **14 million rural Americans** whose communities depend on Medicaid funding for access to primary care, behavioral health and rural hospital services.[1]
- Medicaid remains the nation's largest payer for behavioral health services– serving **13.9 million beneficiaries with substance use and mental health disorders**.[2]
- **12 million Medicare beneficiaries** depend on Medicaid for long-term care, behavioral health or cost-sharing assistance.[3] Whether these beneficiaries are fully dually eligible or enrolled in Medicare Savings Programs, a cut to Medicaid amounts

Save the Date



CALENDAR HOLD

June 4-5, 2025
Washington, DC

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Discussion of Cancelled CMS Innovation Center Models

All Participants

CMMI Model Cancellations

- Making Care Primary
- Primary Care First
- Integrated Care for Kids
- Accelerating Clinical Evidence
- ESRD Treatment Choices
- Maryland Total Cost of Care
- Medicare $2 Drug List

CMMI Developments

Yet.....

Primary care remains a foundational component of the Center's strategy. The early termination of Primary Care First and Making Care Primary does not signal a retreat from the Center's support of primary care providers, but rather a need to focus on different approaches that are consistent with the CMS Innovation Center's statutory mandate and produce savings.

- *CMS Fact Sheet*

ACO PC Flex – PY 1 Participation

- 18,538 Providers + 1079 FQHCs, RHCs & CAHs
- 37 States – 24 ACOs
- 394,513 Aligned Beneficiaries

NOTE: Rate Book Released Late – May Have Hampered Participation

ACO PC Flex – Improvements Needed

May 9 PCC Better Health – NOW Letter to CMMI Included

- Eligibility: *Explore additional application period*
- Track use, expenditures on Behav Health & Community Health Integration
  - Consider well-designed tiered payment in years 2-5

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Next Steps for ACO Primary Care Flex

All Participants