

# Member Message

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## Rx: Pay for High Quality Primary Care

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine conducted and recently released a primary care study (NASEM), *Implementing High-Quality Primary Care*, which recommends:

- High-quality primary care will drive more equitable and positive health outcomes.
- Pay primary care teams to promote health and wellness, rather than incentivize and focus on “sick” care.
- Access to primary care cannot be achieved without training primary care teams where people work and live: this report acknowledges the need to drive incentives for pursuing careers in primary care.

Data shows primary care accounts for 35% of health care visits in the U.S., while it receives only 5% of all health care expenditures. We look forward to working with policymakers, payers and our other partners in primary care to improve this and make the study recommendations a reality – the health of our nation depends on it.

Thank you!



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**Illinois pivots to primary care offices for COVID-19 vaccinations**  
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