

LATE resolution to IAFP All Member Assembly
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Environmental Scan of Patient Centered Medical Home in Illinois

Whereas, the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) is a model of health care delivery that is based on an ongoing patient/physician relationship which provides continuous and comprehensive health care, and

Whereas, a medical practice that operates as a PCMH consists of the personal physician leading a team of health care professionals who collectively take responsibility for the ongoing care of the patient, and

Whereas, the personal physician is responsible for providing for all the patient's health care needs or taking responsibility for managing care with other qualified professionals. This includes care for all stages of life; acute care; chronic care; preventive services; and end-of-life care, and

Whereas, in a PCMH, care is coordinated across all elements of the patient's community, including the health care system, and is facilitated by health information technology, to ensure patients get care when and where they need and want it, and

Whereas, in mid 2007, as a way to promote the revamping of the American health care system, several large employers joined with AARP and other consumer groups and with the four primary care physician organizations to organize the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC), and

Whereas, the goal of the PCPCC is to promote the PCMH as a most effective tool for improving health care quality for the patient and reducing costs for both the payers and the patients, and

Whereas, a recent study published by the PCPCC continues to demonstrate the Patient Centered Medical Home's value to the health care system in terms of improving quality, enhancing access and reducing costs, and

Whereas, Medicare has announced PCMH at multi-payer projects and recognizes that fragmentation across payers is a barrier to widespread adoption of PCMH, and

Whereas, the PCMH is gaining recognition among the private sector, also; UnitedHealthCare and IBM are working with the AAFP and state chapters to implement medical home demonstration projects across the country, and

Whereas, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, announced plans in September 2009 to enroll more than 20,000 members in pilot programs involving the Elmhurst Clinic and Pronger Smith Medical Care, a large multispecialty medical group based in Blue Island, be it therefore;

RESOLVED, that the time is right for IAFP to conduct an environmental scan of PCMH prevalence in the private health insurance market in Illinois, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that IAFP work to promote greater acceptance not only with insurers but with other primary care groups and groups representing professionals who are also part of the medical home with ultimate implementation of the PCMH model in all private plans in the next five years.