TPCC 2023 Policy Priorities: Advancing Primary Care During the 88th Texas Legislative Session

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Today’s Agenda

◊ Recognize why the state's primary care system is vital for healthy Texans

◊ Learn about TPCC's 2023 policy priorities and understand their role in advancing health in Texas

◊ Understand Texas legislature’s policy agenda for primary care and the bills that could affect you in 2023
The Texas Primary Care Consortium is a statewide collaborative initiative with a mission to advance equitable, comprehensive, and sustainable primary care for all Texans, co-led by Texas Medical Home Initiative and Texas Health Institute.
Through a combination of collective action and a network-based approach, Texas Primary Care Consortium leads with the following framework:

- **Transform**: Create spaces for dialogue and action to generate a shift in the healthcare system through policy and system change initiatives.

- **Educate**: Expand our knowledge base by sharing best practices, lessons learned, and replicable tools.

- **Activate**: Facilitate opportunities to build and strengthen lasting partnerships for shared and sustainable impact.
Thank You to Our Partners!
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Why Primary Care?

“Primary care accounts for 48% of provider office visits each year and influences up to 90% of total health care costs through referrals, testing, procedures, and hospitalizations.”

– Primary Care Collaborative

However, primary care accounts for only 5-7% of total health care spending.
Why Primary Care?

◊ Medical debt is 23% in Texas vs. 14% nationally
◊ 15% of Texans went without care because of cost vs. 10% nationally
◊ 27% of Texans do not have a primary care practitioner
◊ Texas ranks last in the country in access and affordability and 40 (of 51) in avoidable hospital use and cost
Why Primary Care?

◊ 5.2 million uninsured Texans – most in the nation (2x the national average)

◊ Uninsured status prevents people from seeking primary care

◊ 27% of Hispanic Texans are uninsured compared to 12% of non-Hispanic White Texans and 18% of non-Hispanic Black Texans

◊ Along the Texas-Mexico border, rates of uninsured exceed 30%

◊ 11.5% of Texas children are uninsured compared to 5.4% nationally
Why Primary Care?

◊ 3.8 million Texans live in rural areas – more than any other state

◊ 32 counties with 0 PCPs, 75 counties with no PAs, 28 counties with neither

◊ Texas is leading the country in rural hospital closures – 26 closures since 2010
Making Primary Care Primary

TPCC, with support from EHF and SDF, brought together a statewide consensus panel to identify and advance bipartisan, smart public policy that will help increase access, reduce costs, and improve outcomes.
Statewide Consensus Panel

◊ Tom Banning, Texas Academy of Family Physicians
◊ Jeff Bullard, Catalyst Health Network
◊ Katrina Daniel, Teacher’s Retirement System of Texas
◊ Helen Kent Davis, Texas Medical Association
◊ Jamie Dudensing, Texas Association of Health Plans
◊ Jana Eubank, Texas Association of Community Health Centers
◊ Kay Ghahremani, Texas Association of Community Health Plans
◊ Ken Janda, Univ of Houston College of Medicine
◊ Bob Kamm, Robert Kamm Government Affairs
◊ Rebecca King, Texas Nurses Association
◊ Lisa Kirsch, UT Dell Medical School
◊ Ray Perryman, The Perryman Group
◊ Chris Skisak, Houston Business Coalition on Health
◊ Laura Warren, Texas Parent to Parent
POLICY PRIORITIES FOR PRIMARY CARE

Given the systemic and chronic nature of our challenges, we propose a three-pronged framework of solutions for a positive and sustainable impact.

INCREASING ACCESS TO CARE
- Reduce the number of uninsured Texans
- Strengthen access to primary care
- Modernize Texas Medicaid
- Optimize telehealth

PROMOTING VALUE-BASED PAYMENT
- Facilitate coordination and collaboration among payors, providers, and purchasers
- Promote prospective payment models

STRENGTHENING PRIMARY CARE
- Invest in primary care
- Strengthen the primary care workforce
Access to Care

Reduce the number of uninsured Texans
- Educate and connect Texans to coverage
- Expand coverage

Strengthen access to primary care
- Improve community access
- Increase physician and provider reimbursements

Modernize Texas Medicaid
- Simplify sign ups and renewals

Optimize the use of telehealth
- Strengthen infrastructure
- Interoperability in health information exchange
Payment Reform

Facilitate coordination and collaboration amongst payers, providers, and purchasers

◊ Minimizing barriers to facilitate value-based delivery
◊ Advance Texas’s value based payment efforts

Promote prospective payment models

◊ Encourage adoption of innovative payment models
◊ Convene a multistakeholder workgroup to devise and implement strategies to improve primary care utilization and access, including incentives for primary care providers to adopt new payment models that improve accountability
◊ Pilot a nonmedical program to reduce health care costs
Strengthen Primary Care

*Invest in primary care*

◊ Measure and report primary care spending
◊ Set a target for Medicaid primary care spending

*Strengthen the primary care workforce*

◊ Increase funds for medical and nursing education
2023 Primary Care Bills  
**Legislative Outlook**

◊ 12 months post-partum coverage  
◊ Medicaid modernization  
◊ Pilot to address non-medical drivers of health  
◊ Facilitate value-based payment reform efforts  
◊ Leverage & strengthen Texas All Payer Claims Database  
◊ Outreach and enrollment to help Texans find coverage
Our Way Forward

◊ Collaborating partners
◊ The Speaker’s priority
◊ Policy & Politics
Thank you for joining us today!

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