

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS, DELIVERY, AND PAYMENT TASK FORCE

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Dear Clerks of the Massachusetts House and Senate,

Pursuant to Chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024, I am pleased to share the Primary Care Access, Delivery, and Payment Task Force (PCTF)'s recommendation to the Massachusetts legislature for establishing a primary care spending target for private and public health care payers that reflects the cost to deliver evidence-based, equitable and culturally competent primary care. This PCTF deliverable is also posted to the HPC's website.

The PCTF recommends the Commonwealth of Massachusetts take bold action by setting an aggregate primary care spending target that is equivalent to either (1) doubling the share of health care spending on primary care as a percentage of total health care spending or (2) 15%, whichever is greater, within five years from the base-line year 2026, with improvement measured annually. This recommendation is a necessary goal that is aligned with best practices put forth by policy experts, recent primary care reform legislation passed in other states, and pending legislation in Massachusetts. If achieved, Massachusetts will be a national leader among states in rebalancing its health care system to one that prioritizes sustainable primary care, supports and strengthens the primary care workforce, and delivers more accessible, efficient, effective, and equitable care to patients.

Please see the attached document for details of the task force's recommendations, and please do not hesitate to reach out to Ashley Caunter, HPC's Deputy Chief of Staff at Ashley.Caunter@mass.gov, with any questions.

Thank you,

Secretary Kiame Mahaniah, Executive Office of Health and Human Services David Seltz, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission Primary Care Task Force Co-Chairs