



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 to assess the impact of health plan design on patient access to primary care services. This deliverable is also posted to the [HPC's website](#).

In this recommendation, the fifth issued by the PCTF to date, the PCTF recommends the Commonwealth should continue its efforts to improve health care affordability, including addressing the burden of cost sharing and underlying growth in health care spending, and should promote health plan benefit designs that minimize barriers to primary care, are consumer-friendly, and are less burdensome for providers.

These recommendations include cost sharing design reforms to encourage patient use of primary care, minimizing patient and provider administration burden through plan design, and that efforts to reduce cost sharing must be coupled with measures to reduce health care costs. It also provides an overview of PCTF member deliberations on this deliverable, and outlines findings from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission (HPC) 2025 Health Care Cost Trends Report on trends in cost sharing and opportunities to improve benefit design in Massachusetts.

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

Thank you,

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