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Family Doctors Pleased with Coverage Expansion; Ready for Patients

(HARRISBURG, PA.) Aug. 29, 2014 The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) is pleased that the Corbett administration and the federal government have agreed on a plan to expand health care coverage to hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania's working poor. The Healthy Pennsylvania plan, which offers federal subsidies for low-income Pennsylvanians, is expected to affect about 600,000 residents.

Access to care, especially primary care, is critical in keeping health costs low and improving patient outcomes. The PAFP plans to continue working with the governor to ensure a physician-coordinated, patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The approval of the Healthy Pennsylvania plan by federal officials is the first step toward making that goal a reality.

Pennsylvania's family physicians are ready and able to care for the growing patient population in the Commonwealth. As the landscape of health care continues to change in Pennsylvania, the PAFP is excited to work with the governor, the legislature, and other primary care organizations to tackle the complex issues of health reform.

"Many Pennsylvanians have been waiting a long time for an access point to the health care system," said Douglas Spotts, MD, President of the PAFP. "Pennsylvania's family physicians are eager to provide these patients with a medical home."

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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