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## **PAFP Welcomes Gov. Corbett's 'Healthy Pennsylvania' Plan**

*(HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 18, 2013)* The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) applauds Gov. Tom Corbett on his "Healthy Pennsylvania" initiative, which seeks to enhance access, affordability, and quality of care among Pennsylvanians.

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. In addition, the PAFP is encouraged by the "Healthy Pennsylvania" program's emphasis on increasing providers in underserved areas, CHIP, and its support of those who choose to enter primary care careers through loan forgiveness.

The "Healthy Pennsylvania" initiative emphasizes coordinated care, another core tenant of the patient-centered medical home care model that the PAFP champions and promotes. The PAFP is also encouraged by the program's aim to combat prescription drug abuse and "doctor shopping," as the PAFP has supported legislation to create a pharmaceutical monitoring system for providers.

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 and access to care.

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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