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## **PAFP applauds introduction of Primary Care Investment legislation**

(HARRISBURG, Pa. June 26, 2023) The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP), today, applauded state Senator Judy Schwank (D-Berks) for sponsoring legislation intended to shine a light on commercial and Medicaid expenditures for primary care.

Senate Bill 809 would establish a Primary Care Investment Task Force to examine if financial expenditures for primary care services provided by physicians are meeting the needs of Pennsylvanians.

“Pennsylvania has an extraordinarily complex health care infrastructure compared with most other states, which makes this examination of primary care spending critical,” PAFP President Jeanne Spencer, MD, said. “Family Physicians understand that robust investment in primary care yields healthier outcomes and longer lives for patients.”

The legislation is the first of its kind to be proposed in the Commonwealth and would compel the Department of Human Services to analyze and compare Medicaid and commercial insurer expenditures, in a macro economic sense, for services provided by allopathic and osteopathic physicians of family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics.

“Senator Schwank and her colleagues’ attention to this matter is highly commendable,” said Dr. Spencer. “The PAFP will work with our colleagues in pediatrics and internal medicine to advocate for passage of Senate Bill 809.”

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