

PA Physician Healthcare Report

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Doctors Speak Out on the Family and Business Health Security Act
(HB 1660 and SB 300):

Why Publicly-Funded, Privately-Provided Healthcare Is Best for Doctors and Patients in PA

- Higher quality, comprehensive healthcare for patients with 25% insurance administrative savings
- Fair and timely compensation for services rendered
- Medical malpractice premium and Mcare assessment drastically reduced
- Ends nightmare negotiations and the hassle factor with insurance carriers
- No more paperwork to "rationalize" care -- reduced paperwork is about medical care, not reimbursement
- Leverages the Commonwealth's buying power to cut prescription drug costs in half
- Emphasis on wellness, prevention, mental health, chronic illnesses and other treatments
- Improves affordability for physicians to remain in PA after post-graduate training
- Funded through an annual fair tax that replaces an unfair premium/co-pay/deductible system that far outstrips inflation
- Strengthens the doctor-patient relationship that encourages well-being and trust



We are at a crucial junction in our health care debate. Ten years ago, physicians could never have imagined how bad things could get, but now we really need to fight the insurance lobby's stranglehold on our political system and fight for what is right for our patients - a single payer plan that covers everyone.

-Walter Tsou, MD, MPH, Philadelphia

A single-payer, universal health care system for all Pennsylvanians means that a physician no longer loses a longtime patient to a "new" system because their "insurance" or "occupation" changes. No longer does the doctor have to look at a patient's insurance(or lack thereof) to know whether the doctor can afford to take care of this patient or this disease. No longer does the doctor have to endure lower reimbursements while the health insurance industry takes 25 cents of every dollar for non-medical purposes. A better malpractice environment and the ascendancy of preventive medicine follow naturally from a system that is in for the long haul and has as its goals the public good, not the maximizing of profits.

-Bill Davidson, MD, Lebanon

We are losing our physicians who don't want the bureaucratic paperwork with inadequate reimbursements. Number of employees, utilities, and malpractice insurance keep rising. If we don't fix our system, there will be no one available to take care of us!

-Judith S. Gordon, Medical office manager, Langhorne

As a physician in training, I have seen patients disenfranchised while doctors are prevented from helping them because they don't have insurance, or their insurance won't cover the treatment. I was planning on moving back to California after medical school, but if HB 1660 and SB 300 pass, then I can avoid the still present broken system and stay in Pennsylvania for sure!

-Weston Scott Fisher, Third Year Medical Student

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For more information about why House Bill 1660 and Senate Bill 300 make sense for your practice, and how you can help pass these companion bills, contact info@healthcare4allpa.org.