

Public Comment for the PCCHR Meeting on 2/23/21

One avenue to pursue that is both a methodology and is purposeful to promote the enhanced primary care spending target is to couple this with the need to address health INEQUITY and the social drivers of this inequity. I suggest that the new national Executive administration (President Biden et al) clearly intend to strengthen the ACA and one way to accomplish this is to drive care out into the community and not limit healthcare to the medical institutional setting. How to accomplish this? Strongly advocate for Certified Community Health Workers to join our healthcare workforce in meaningful numbers. One approach to accomplish this is to analyze the zip code distribution of enrollees in Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare advantage and commercial payor populations. Require that proportional numbers of CHW's be employed to meet the needs of vulnerable patient enrollees as defined through zip code analyses. An additional step would be to mandate (?) social determinant screening of all patients from vulnerable zip code regions.

Respectfully,

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