



March 16, 2023

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tim Scott  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mark Kelly  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Cassidy, Shaheen, Scott and Kelly:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 129,600 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to thank you for introducing the Primary Care Enhancement Act (S.628).

The AAFP supports direct primary care (DPC) and sees it as a model of care that provides a pathway to continuous, comprehensive and coordinated primary care for patients. However, there are identified barriers that may prevent some patients from realizing the full potential of the DPC model. One of those barriers is the prohibition on the permissible use of health savings accounts (HSAs) funds to pay for participation in a DPC practice. Under existing interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code, patients with HSAs are prohibited from engaging in DPC arrangements with a family physician or other primary care clinician. Your legislation would remove these current legal barriers that prevent patients with HSAs from receiving care from family physicians practicing in a DPC model.

A growing number of family physicians are choosing to practice in the DPC model and patient demand for DPC practices is growing. Additionally, employers and labor unions are driving growth in the model, further necessitating changes in law that allow patients to benefit from this primary care delivery model. The AAFP is eager to work with you to pass this legislation, thus allowing our members practicing in a DPC model the opportunity to engage with more individuals and provide a longitudinal primary care home to their patients.

We applaud your leadership on this important issue, and we are pleased to support S.628. For questions, please contact Natalie Williams, Manager, Legislative Affairs at [nwilliams2@aafp.org](mailto:nwilliams2@aafp.org).

Sincerely,

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