

# Standing Committee on Primary Care September 18, 2024 Public Meeting

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**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 11:00AM – 2:00PM EDT**

## Purpose

- Discuss how to foster federal and state investment and spending in primary care
- Discuss the federal primary care research agenda
- Discuss the HHS primary care dashboard

**11:00–11:05**

## Welcome and Overview of Agenda

*Mary Wakefield and Lauren Hughes, Standing Committee Co-Chairs*

**11:05–12:05**

## Primary Care Spending

Overview of session and summary of the *Measuring Primary Care Spending* technical brief

- Deborah Cohen, *Oregon Health & Science University, Standing Committee member*

Discussants

- Margareta Brandt, *Assistant Deputy Director, Health System Performance, California Department of Health Care Access and Information*
- Mary Jo Condon, *Principal Consultant, Freedman Healthcare*
- Bob Phillips, *Founding Director, Center for Professionalism and Value in Health Care*

Discussion questions:

- What is the state policy and political context to ensure investment in primary care? Can you describe the dynamics of the process that results in a state adopting a particular definition and measurement approach?
- Looking across states, where do you see opportunities to foster wider adoption of primary care spending measurement and investment? What states are setting the standard for this?
- Is there a spending metric that the federal government could use?

- How can states reach a critical mass of payers?
- What can federal leaders do to help states? For example, what could federal leaders do to facilitate inclusion of all payers in state primary care spending initiatives?
- What types of structures and processes are needed to help states develop a more accurate and transparent estimate of primary care spending?

#### 12:05–1:05 **Federal Primary Care Research**

Overview of session and definitional overview of primary care research

- Kevin Grumbach, *University of California San Francisco, Standing Committee member*

Discussants:

- Robert Valdez, *Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), DHHS*
- Steve Sheingold, *Director, Office of Healthcare Financing Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), DHHS*
- Felicia Qashu, *Program Lead, Communities Advancing Research Equity (CARE) for Health, National Institutes of Health (NIH), DHHS*

Discussion questions:

- What are agencies' most noteworthy current activities and priorities regarding primary care research? Do agencies have a vision for strengthening their future primary care research portfolio?
- How are AHRQ and ASPE involved in efforts to define and measure primary care spending? Are there plans to develop an enhanced national data base on primary care clinicians and practices to inform these types of measurements for use in the national primary care dashboard as well as for evaluations of dynamic trends in primary care practice and organization?
- How does the NIH plan to incorporate the lessons from the listening sessions on its CARE for Health initiative to achieve the goal of more balanced and bi-directional partnerships with participating primary care practices?

#### 1:05–1:45 **HHS Primary Care Dashboard**

- CAPT David Wong, *Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, HHS*
- *Discussion with the Standing Committee*

#### 1:45–1:55 **Public comments**

**1:55–2:00**

**Closing remarks**

*Lauren Hughes and Mary Wakefield, Standing Committee Co-chairs*

**2:00**

**Adjourn**