



## Health Policy Stakeholder Meeting Template

In order to accurately capture and understand your organization's priorities for health care reform and other health care policy issues, we ask that you briefly detail your priorities as follows:

- Health policy priorities/goals in the short term
  1. Expand health care coverage to all people in the U.S. with a benefit design that incorporates the patient-centered medical home.
  2. Reform or replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula used by Medicare to determine the physician payment rate and increase payment for primary care services.
  3. Promote the concept of the patient-centered medical home with a payment model in all federally sponsored health programs.
  4. Restructure the Health Professions Grants (Section 747 of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act) to focus on training family medicine students for the future of medical practice. See legislation introduced by Sen. Clinton (S. 3708).
  
- Health policy priorities/goals in the long term
  1. Incorporate the patient-centered medical home into payment models.
  2. Reform the way Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) program pays for physician training so that it supports primary care.
  3. Provide financial assistance for small medical practices to invest in Health Information Technology (HIT)
  4. Assure continuous quality improvement in health care delivery by basing performance payments on quality measures developed with physician input and validated by an independent third party.
  
- The mechanisms for achieving the goal (i.e., executive order, regulation, guidelines, policy change or legislation)

All of these will require legislation, although an executive order could ask federal agencies with health programs to report how they are working to incorporate the concept of the patient-centered medical home into their benefit packages.

- Any budgetary or appropriations concerns or impact

The reform of the Medicare SGR formula could be expensive if Congress must pay for the entire deficit accrued during the 7 years that the payment fix used future budgets to pay for the temporary adjustment.

Appropriations for Title VII health professions education programs supporting primary care training.

- Any other HHS related issue