

Statement from Family Medicine for America's Health Board Chair and President Glen Stream regarding the publication of *Family Medicine: Special Issue on Family Medicine for America's Health*:

On behalf of Family Medicine for America's Health, I would like to express thanks to the authors of these articles for sharing their knowledge, expertise, and commitment to family medicine. Over the next four years, through outreach to the public and collaboration with our colleagues in family medicine and across the health care delivery system, we will work to transform our health care system and ensure the health of all Americans. Specifically, we aim to:

1. Increase patient accessibility to their primary care team, including remote access to patient records, electronic communication with their care team and availability after hours.
2. Encourage every practice to have a patient advisory council or similar mechanism to facilitate meaningful and ongoing patient engagement.
3. Increase transparency in pricing of health care services and educate patients to better understand cost of care.
4. Integrate public and mental health into the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and add care managers, health coaches and population health professionals to the primary care team. Incorporate training to practice in a team-based setting into graduate medical education.
5. Support policies that drive at least 40 percent of medical students toward primary care specialties with the goal of increasing the number of primary care physicians by a minimum of 52,000 by 2025.
6. Sunset fee-for-service payment in primary care. Work with public and private payers to adopt a uniform and simplified model of comprehensive payment that encourages front-end investment in expanded practice infrastructure and technology, rewards Triple Aim goals (better care, better health and lower costs) and supports broad, team-based care. Support efforts to drive HHS goal of having 85 percent of Medicare payments tied to quality or value by 2016 and 90 percent by 2018.

The ideas and actions outlined in these papers will inform our work moving forward—so we can restore a solid primary care foundation to our health care system and deliver better care and ensure better health outcomes while reducing overall costs.