



PARTNERSHIP TO FIGHT CHRONIC DISEASE

The Value of Access to Care for People Living with Chronic Disease

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Who We Are

AN INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION OF PATIENTS, PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS AND LABOR GROUPS, AND HEALTH POLICY EXPERTS COMMITTED TO RAISING AWARENESS OF THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH, DISABILITY, AND RISING HEALTH CARE COSTS: CHRONIC DISEASE.

- ❖ Educate the public about chronic disease and potential solutions for individuals and communities
- ❖ Mobilize Americans to call for change in how government, employers, and health institutions approach chronic disease
- ❖ Engage with policy makers on health policy changes that are necessary to effectively fight chronic disease



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PFCD's Policy Platform

Prioritize Prevention and Management of Chronic Conditions.

Encourage Continued Innovation in Treatment and Delivery of Health Care.

Improve Access to Recommended Care.

Promote Health Across Generations.

Translate Knowledge into Action.



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What Is Driving Health Care Costs?

SciMedCentral

Journal of Chronic Diseases and Management

Research Article

It is Not Just the Prices! The Role of Chronic Disease in Accounting for Higher Health Care Spending in the United States

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A Healthier Country Means Lower Health Care Spending

The U.S. spends twice as much per person on health care compared to other wealthy countries. While higher U.S. health care prices play a role in this disparity, they are not the only cause. A new NPC study found that the U.S. has substantially higher rates of chronic diseases, contributing to increased health care spending in the U.S.

Understanding Health Spending Tue, 09/14/2021



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U.S. Health Care from a Global Perspective, 2022: Accelerating Spending, Worsening Outcomes



Advancing Health Equity Could Save TRILLION\$

HEALTH EQUITY SAVINGS FROM ACHIEVING RECOGNIZED HEALTH TARGETS² BY RACE AND ETHNICITY OVER 10 YEARS

SAVINGS ACHIEVED FROM IMPROVING DISEASE CONTROL FOR SELECT CHRONIC CONDITIONS	NON-HISPANIC				HISPANIC	TOTAL
	WHITE	BLACK	ASIAN	OTHER		
Total medical cost savings from improved control	\$1.6 T	\$424 B	\$82 B	\$107 B	\$466 B	\$2.7 T
Total savings from reducing absenteeism (missed work)	\$664 B	\$115 B	\$55 B	\$45 B	\$196 B	\$1.1 T
Total US Savings (10 years)	\$2.3 T	\$539 B	\$137 B	\$152 B	\$662 B	\$3.8 T



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Advancing Health Equity SOLUTIONS

IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

TIMELY ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR MANY

PRIMARY CARE HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL
SHORTAGE AREAS:



US Population Living in
a Health Professional
Shortage Area

84 million

% of Primary
Care Professional
Access Need Met

46%

SOLUTIONS INCLUDE:



Address shortages and enhance
workforce diversity



Build on telehealth success

Source for shortage data: Kaiser Family Foundation, Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas as of Sept. 2021.

**POTENTIAL
POLICY
SOLUTIONS:**



Addressing
high out-
of-pocket
costs



Reducing the
prevalence of
high deductible
health plans



Capping or eliminating out-of-pocket costs for
chronic disease medicines to improve access
and adherence to medicines for all populations
and close health disparities gaps

Recognizing the Value of Innovation

How can we socialize the holistic value of new treatments?

HealthAffairs

Accelerated Approval Drugs Are Not Driving Medicaid Spending

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Exposing Barriers to Access

The Washington Post

Need a new drug? You may be asked to 'fail' an old drug first

**Health Insurance
Access Barriers:
A National
Scorecard**

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Study:
Most health plans & PBMs

FAIL patients
with
autoimmune diseases.

 Let My Doctors Decide



6 in **10**
health plans & PBMs
FAIL.

Does your coverage
make the grade?



 Let My Doctors Decide

Navigating a Path Forward for Patients

- ✓ Invest in prevention
- ✓ Make lower out of pocket costs a reality
- ✓ Focus on improved health outcomes across demographics
- ✓ Collaboration is critical



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