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House Joint Resolution 9 (Delegate Nathan-Pulliam, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home

This joint resolution expresses the support of the General Assembly for the Joint Principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) as a guideline for the State to eliminate health disparities by improving the health of all its citizens.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Maryland law does not specifically address PCMHs.

Background: PCMH is an approach to providing comprehensive primary care for children, youth, and adults. PCMH is a health care setting that facilitates partnerships between individual patients, their physicians, and the patient's family when appropriate.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) introduced the medical home concept in 1967, initially referring to a central location for archiving a child's medical record. The concept has since been expanded and in 2007, the AAP, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Physicians, and the American Osteopathic Association developed joint principles to describe the characteristics of PCMH. The principles address:

- the need for an ongoing relationship with a personal physician;
- the role of a physician-directed medical practice whose team collectively takes responsibility for the ongoing care of patients;
- whole person orientation, where the personal physician is responsible for providing for all the patient's health care needs or takes responsibility for arranging care with other professionals – this includes care for all stages of life;
- coordinated and/or integrated care;
- specified quality and safety issues;
- enhanced access to care; and
- an appropriate payment structure based on a specified framework.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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