



**POSITION STATEMENT  
MONTANA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
ON  
PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME  
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Our medical care system is increasingly complex. Combined with an aging population and an increased burden of chronic disease there is a clear need for effective care management. Primary care providers can and do provide this but have not been financially rewarded in ways that encourage both optimal management of disease and the provision of comprehensive preventive care. The concept of a “MedicalHome” was originally developed for children with chronic illness who needed a primary care physician to coordinate their management among multiple providers. This concept has evolved into the “Patient Centered Medical Home” (PCMH) which encompasses many aspects of coordinated care management directed by primary providers in a variety of settings. Experience has shown that medical care provided in a PCMH can improve medical outcomes, patient and provider satisfaction, and at the same time lower overall medical spending.

The Montana Medical Association recognizes the importance of providing comprehensive primary medical care to Montanans. We believe that the Patient Centered Medical Home model has the potential to improve individual and population health while at the same time helping to control the growth of medical spending. We fully support the development and continued refinement of a uniform definition of the PCMH to apply to qualified primary care practices in our state. We strongly encourage a uniform approach to financial support and the participation of all payers in order to encourage the formation and maintenance of these Medical Homes.  
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