



OUR ASK

Direct Primary Care LEGISLATION

ACCESS TO DPC FOR PEOPLE IN MEDICAID

Please Co-Sponsor H.R. 3836 and ask leadership to include this important primary care reform in a healthcare package this year!

The bipartisan Medicaid Primary Care Improvement Act passed the U.S. House in a unanimous vote on **March 5, 2024** and is pending consideration in the Senate

HELP ALL AMERICANS ACCESS A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Americans with lower incomes have always had a hard time building a relationship with a primary care doctor. CDC data over time shows that **Medicaid beneficiaries visit emergency rooms more frequently than individuals with private coverage, and even more than the uninsured.** Given post-pandemic shortages in primary care, DPC arrangements can provide primary care medical services in any setting—in the clinic or using virtual care. In fact, a relationship with a primary care physician, who can spend time with a patient to diagnose both physiological and behavioral issues, can be life changing; in some cases access to good primary care can even be the key to ending long standing cycles of poverty. A relationship with a DPC physician, paired with Medicaid coverage for issues outside of primary care can help low income individuals manage their care in a humane way that can improve health outcomes. Employers love it because they can offer DPC as part of a health benefit that employees love and value. Furthermore, a 2020 Milliman Study for the Society of Actuaries says that employers who offer DPC as a part of a health benefit had almost 20% lower claim costs than employees who had health insurance.

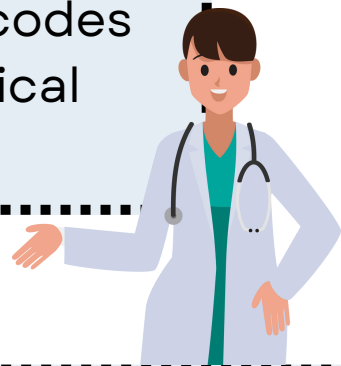
WHY PATIENTS LOVE DPC

Patients get access to a **physician of their choice** who knows their name and history without spending an entire visit looking at a computer screen to understand why they are here.

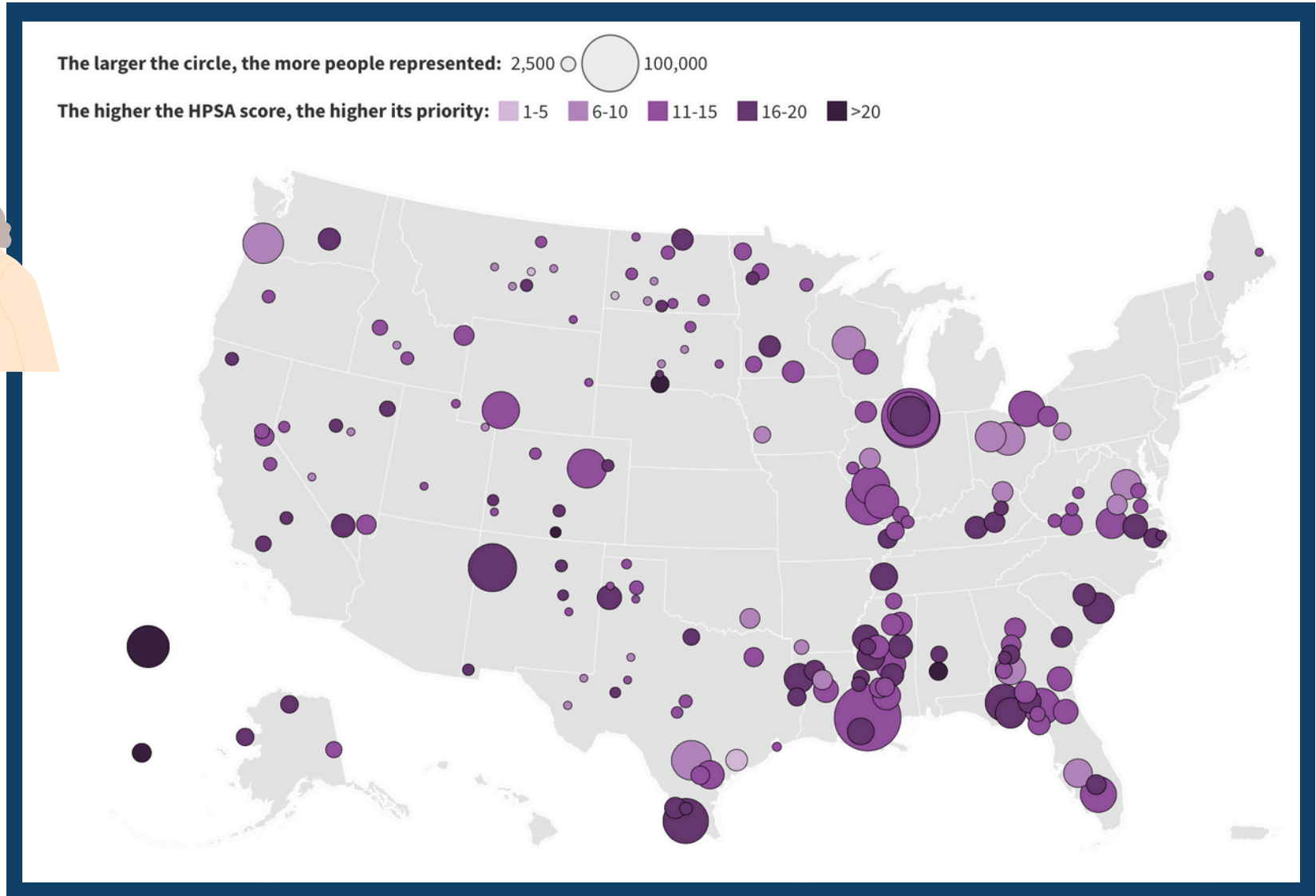


WHY DOCTORS LOVE DPC

Doctors get to practice **medicine the way they were trained** without having to memorize 10,969 billing codes that describe the medical procedures.



A Kaiser Family Foundation study shows that large parts of the United States have had a shortage of primary care physicians since before 1984. These primary care health professional shortage areas (HPSA) are growing rapidly in the post-pandemic era.



THE MEDICAID PRIMARY CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT ALLOWS COLLABORATION ON DPC ACCESS FOR THOSE IN MEDICAID

H.R. 3836, the Medicaid Primary Care Improvement Act, clarifies that states can provide primary care services to Medicaid beneficiaries without a federal waiver from CMS. **This bill will allow states, DPC providers and CMS to come together to figure out the best way to apply a DPC arrangement in a state.**

- **Bipartisan bill** - Reps. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), Kim Schrier, MD (D-WA) are the lead sponsors
- **Passed Committee 28-0 on July 13, 2023 - Passed U.S. House in Unanimous Vote on March 5, 2024**