

I am writing to encourage resistance to Governor Scott's cuts to primary care payments and other measures meant to enhance the primary care workforce.

Modestly paid primary care providers and the preventive work they do are not the source of burgeoning cost containment problems in Vermont. Quite the contrary, we need more primary care providers keeping our aging population healthier as a major means of avoiding further cost overruns.

Plus, there are other notable sources of excess costs, such as the massive proportions of clinician time spent in questionably helpful documentation instead of the direct provision of care, excess administrative overhead, and the salary expenditures in specialties that make many times what primary care providers bring in.

Thank you as ever for your work!

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