

HEALTH CARE

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The Partnership recognizes that overall health and wellness for consumers is crucial for our society and business climate. As such, The Partnership endorses a health care agenda that supports health care providers, educators and organizations that comprise a large and important part of Greater Des Moines' (DSM's) economy. The Partnership further recognizes the ever-increasing cost of health care for businesses and supports efforts to reduce the overall cost while maintaining a strong and vibrant health care system that meets the needs of employees and consumers.

The Partnership Supports:

- The following public health initiatives:
 - Increased funding of public health initiatives proposed by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for Zika virus outbreak management, mosquito control programs, vaccine research, education and improving health care for low-income pregnant women.
 - The establishment of a free immunization program for uninsured adults, along the lines of CDC's Vaccine for Children Program.
 - Increased funding for Safe Routes to Schools.
- Efforts to make high-quality mental and behavioral health services more accessible in the community.
- Improving fairness and equity in Medicare payments between geographical areas.
- The implementation of new reimbursement models such as the shared savings program, that reward quality and efficiency, not quantity of services.
- Eliminating the inaccuracies and inequities in the Geographic Practice Cost Index (GPCI) geographic adjusters to Medicare payment for physicians and using contemporary market or actual cost data for physicians.
- Continued funding for federal programs supporting Graduate Medical Education (GME), including both Direct GME and Indirect Medical Education payments.
- Expanding access to palliative care.