

Sample DPC Advocacy Letter: *Please personalize and use your own story!*

Dear Senator:

In July, the U.S. House passed bipartisan legislation that would ensure that Americans with high deductible health insurance, paired with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) would have full access to great, affordable, personal primary care in a DPC arrangement.

Outdated IRS rules incorrectly consider innovative Direct Primary Care (DPC) arrangements as a health plan or insurance coverage rather than Medical care. As such, a person with a DPC arrangement who pays a periodic fee for access to a personal primary care physician is not eligible to contribute to an HSA and cannot use those funds to pay for the doctor of their choice. This is critical for people who have high out of pocket costs associated with high deductible plans.

The Bill is now before the U.S. Senate. A companion, S. 1358, the Primary Care Enhancement Act, would clarify the tax code to ensure that:

- A DPC arrangement will not be treated by IRS as a health plan or "other" coverage that will make an individual ineligible to contribute to an HSA;
- pre-tax HSA funds may be used to pay for access to high functioning primary care; and,
- individuals and businesses can improve care and reduce healthcare expenses by treating conditions in primary care rather than the hospital ER.

Section 3 of H.R. 6199 contains a similar provision which passed the House on July 26, 2018 with 277 bipartisan votes. **Please do not adjourn this session of Congress without finishing this work.**

Please Co-Sponsor S. 1358, the Primary Care Enhancement Act and ensure that Congress sends a bill to the President to allow all Americans access to great primary care with DPC.

Sincerely,