

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

Dear Senator _____:

On Monday, December 10, 2019, U.S. Senators Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA), Doug Jones (D-AL), Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the bipartisan Primary Care Enhancement Act (S. 2999). This legislation 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Outdated IRS rules incorrectly consider innovative Direct Primary Care (DPC) arrangements as a health plan or insurance coverage rather than medical care.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 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.

In July 2018, Section 3 of H.R. 6199 contains a similar provision which passed the House with 277 bipartisan votes. On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the House Ways & Means committee passed the bipartisan Primary Care Enhancement Act (H.R.3708) unanimously by voice vote.

Please co-sponsor the Primary Care Enhancement Act (S. 2999) so all Americans can have access to great primary care with DPC.

Sincerely,