



# Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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## Summary HB 1655 PN 2869

This bill creates the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council Act to explore the benefits of a patient-centered medical home. A patient-centered medical home originates in a primary care setting, partners with other health care professionals, coordinates care at all levels, and maintains a comprehensive record of health related services.

A Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council is created to advise the Department of Human Services on how to increase quality of care and decrease costs in the Commonwealth's Medicaid program through use of a patient-centered medical home. The council shall review approaches that provide access to a variety of different services, are evidence based, and promote strong and effective medical management.

The Secretary shall appoint the members of the council in consultation with the House and the Senate. The council shall be chaired by the Secretary and consist of members representing:

1. Family physicians
2. Obstetricians and gynecologists
3. Nurse practitioners
4. Internists
5. Pediatricians
6. Pharmacists
7. Hospital and health systems
8. Patient-centered medical homes
9. Mental health care providers
10. Community health centers
11. Managed care organizations licensed to do business in the Commonwealth
12. Physician assistants

Members shall serve for a term of two years and be reimbursed for reasonable expenses but not paid for their service.

The duties of the council shall include making recommendations to the Secretary on an organizational model for the patient-centered medical home and possible

Medicaid pilot projects. It shall also make recommendations on a certification process that uses nongovernmental accrediting entities. The standards and processes shall include a mechanism for ancillary service providers to become affiliated with a certified patient-centered medical home and also include education and training standards for professionals. The Council shall also review and recommend reimbursement methodologies and incentives to participation in the model.

An initial report of recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor, the Senate and the House by December 31, 2014. Additional reports shall be provided on December 31 of even-numbered years so long as the council is in existence.

### **Effective Date**

This act shall take effect immediately.

### **Amendment A09880**

Removes the names of specific professional organizations, moves the date of the required report of recommendations back one year and makes other technical and clarifying changes.