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Ms. Victoria Veltri  
State Healthcare Advocate  
P.O. Box 1543  
Hartford, CT 06144

RE: Connecticut State Innovation Model

Dear Ms. Veltri:

I would like to submit comments on the State Innovation Model on behalf of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA).

The Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association is the professional association representing Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). Our members have hospital and surgical privileges for the treatment of foot and ankle disorders. Like many professions, we have a strong interest in the proposed State Innovation Model and appreciate having this opportunity to comment.

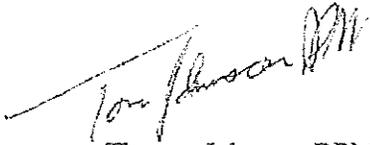
CPMA has been impressed with the work that has been done to develop this model and understands you are looking at three broad goals: 1) transforming the practice of primary care so that the full needs of patients can be addressed; 2) improving the linkages between community providers and entities, and 3) empowering consumers. CPMA further understands the goals will be met with providing measures for increased transparency in costs, a move to value-based payments in lieu of fee-for-service, implementing an all-payor claims data base and information technology standards, as well as several strategies to address the changing demand of the healthcare workforce.

Like other medical specialties we are concerned with decision making for the implementation process. We endorse the concept of an advisory group of medical practitioners who would advise you on the various implementation strategies. We see the healthcare system in operation every day as we treat and interact with our patients, our colleagues, managed care plans and government. We believe medical providers could add significant input to the development of this new model. If you would see merit in this idea, the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association would like to have a representative on the group.

CPMA would specifically note that the draft plan does recognize Diabetes and suggests diabetic foot care should be stressed (page 150). We agree with this assessment. We would note the state's comprehensive health plan has, for a number of years, stressed preventive steps and early interventions to control the disease and prevent complications.

In conclusion, members of the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association (CPMA) stand ready to assist you with the development and implementation of the Innovation Model.

Sincerely,

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Thomas Johnson, DPM  
CPMA president