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Statement from Lora Pellegrini, President and CEO of the MA Association of Health Plans on Health Policy Commission's Special Report on the Primary Care Workforce

“Today’s report from the Health Policy Commission shines a bright light on the factors driving the Commonwealth’s primary care workforce shortages, including lower reimbursement for primary care than for specialty care, administrative requirements, and the impact of consolidation with over half of primary care physicians today affiliated with large systems. MAHP and our member plans strongly support increased investments in primary care within the cost growth benchmark and have participated in a number of task forces and working groups on this important issue. At the same time, MAHP member plans are working every day to simplify health care and constrain continued cost growth. We look forward to working with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Health Policy Commission, and members of the Primary Care Payment and Delivery Task Force to identify ways to increase investments in primary care without increasing the overall cost of care for employers and consumers.”

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