New Federal SBHC Legislation: What’s In It and How Can You Advocate For It?

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• Legislation overview
• Section by Section review
• How can you advocate for this bill?
• Questions and Discussion
Hallways to Health Act

- A comprehensive, school-based health center bill to be introduced by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)
- House version to be introduced by Representative Lois Capps (D-CA)
Hallways to Health Act: Key Components

- Strengthens Medicaid/CHIP reimbursement
- Improvements to SBHC authorization for clinic operations (ACA)
- Grants for state-based technical assistance
- Grants to support community health workers and tele-health services in SBHCs
- Designation of SBHCs as safety net and essential community providers
Community Health Workers
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- Establishes grant program to utilize community health workers as peer educators and coordinators of care to improve access and adherence to care plans administered in SBHCs.
- For this program, community health worker can serve as health educator.
Tele-health services
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• Establishes grant program to provide tele-health services at school-based health centers
  • Funds can be used for new services or expanding pre-existing tele-health services
  • This program does not preclude the tele-health provider from being reimbursed by public or private insurance
Medicaid and CHIP
Assurance of Payment under Medicaid and CHIP

- State Medicaid agencies must implement procedures for payment under Medicaid and CHIP for covered items and services furnished by SBHCs
  - Under state plans, SBHCs will be reimbursed the same as items and services provided in a physician’s office or outpatient clinic at same capitation or risk-based rate of payment
School-Based Health Center Authorization
Improvements to School-Based Health Center Authorization (ACA)

- **Expand eligible sponsoring entities** to include universities, ACOs and Behavioral Health Organizations
- **Tele-health and health education** are added as an allowable service for improved access for students in medically underserved areas
- Align monitoring and evaluation with current national SBHC quality performance measures
- Establish **State Technical Assistance Grants** (modeled after HRSA funded state primary care associations)
Essential Community Providers
SBHCs as Essential Community Providers

• The Public Health Service Act, section 340(b) and Qualified Health Plan definition of an essential community provider are amended to include school-based health centers

  • Essential community providers include providers that serve predominantly low-income and medically underserved individuals
What’s Next?

• Bicameral bill introduction later this month
• School-Based Health Alliance Congressional briefings in early March
• Seeking bill co-sponsors, especially from committees of jurisdiction (Senate HELP and Finance, House Energy & Commerce)
How can you advocate for this bill?
We're working to improve the health status of children and youth by advancing and advocating for school-based health care.
Welcome to the School-Based Health Alliance’s Advocacy Center. This page allows you to take direct action to support school-based health centers (SBHCs) across the nation and in your community. Browse the alerts below, and when you’re ready, click the **Take Action!** button to get started.

**Current Alerts**

**Encourage Your Representative to Co-Sponsor the Primary Care Physician Reentry Act (H.R. 4234)**

The Primary Care Physician Reentry Act (H.R. 4234) would create a pilot program to establish or expand physician reentry programs and streamline the process for credentialing, training, and continuing medical education of doctors returning to primary care. Participating physicians would be required to provide health services for a minimum of two years at a community health center, Veterans Administration medical center, or school-based health center.

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The School-Based Health Alliance joins the following organizations in officially endorsing this bill: The American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, American Osteopathic Association, and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Complete the form below to encourage your Representative to co-sponsor H.R. 4234.

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I write you today to ask for your support of primary care physicians across the nation and in our community by co-sponsoring the Primary Care Physician Reentry Act (H.R. 4234). The bill creates a pilot program to establish or expand physician reentry programs and streamline the process for credentialing, training, and continuing medical education of doctors returning to primary care. Participating physicians would be required to provide health services for a minimum of two years at a community health center, Veterans Administration medical center, or school-based health center.

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