



## *Support SB 926 by Sen. Pat Browne and give patients and doctors the right to directly contract for care*

DPC contracts work outside the coverage of traditional insurance allowing patients to frequently avoid navigating the complexities of seeking covered services for primary care, laboratory and pharmacy benefits. For a flat monthly fee, patients have extended access to their doctor – in person, by phone, by email and other digital means – for a full range of comprehensive primary care services including acute and urgent care, regular checkups, preventive care, chronic disease management, and care coordination.

**SB 926 will improve access to direct primary care by recognizing these arrangements and defining them as outside the scope of state insurance regulations. It is one more option for today's marketplace where so many are faced with the high out-of-pockets costs due to their high deductible insurance plans.**

**Studies have shown high deductibles are causing many to forego their primary care needs.** (Bankrate Money Pulse Survey, June 2017)

**DPC arrangements are traditionally coupled with high-deductible health plans for specialty care, hospitalizations, and catastrophic events.**

With ever-increasing health care costs, we expect the model to grow in response to higher out-of-pocket expenses now faced by many individuals and families in Pennsylvania.

### **States that have acted to support innovation in health care**

As of 2017, these states have passed laws, like SB 926, to define DPC as a health care service outside the scope of regulations:

Alabama  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
Colorado  
Idaho  
Indiana  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Michigan  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wyoming