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## Legislative e-Update

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### **Primary Care Bill Update**

Thanks to the impressive grassroots actions by Delaware physicians across the state, their practices and their patients, the Senate heard the call to save primary care through the *Improving Access to Primary Care* bill.

Since the incredibly successful Senate Health Committee hearing in May, the bill sponsors have been meeting with stakeholders, taken feedback and crafted a revised version of Senate Bill 199, now called [Senate Bill 227](#).

Filed today, [SB 227](#) keeps the urgent action of the previous version - a Medicare floor for primary care and fair reimbursement for chronic care management. It also compels data reporting by the insurers so the Delaware Health Care Commission along with the health care community can craft future legislation on how to meaningfully direct long-term investment into our front lines of care.

But, we are not at the finish line yet! The urgency remains and the path remains uncertain for [SB 227](#).

**The Medical Society of Delaware strongly encourages all its members to contact their local legislators TODAY to urge them to support [Senate Bill 227](#), the *Improving Access to Primary Care* bill!** The 149th Legislative Session ends in just a few weeks and every voice is needed to pass this vital legislation!

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