




Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care

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Statement of Task

NASEM committee will examine the current state of primary care in the United States and **develop an implementation plan** to build upon the recommendations from the 1996 IOM report, *Primary Care: America's Health in a New Era*, **to strengthen primary care services** in the United States, especially for underserved populations, and **to inform primary care systems** around the world.

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An Updated Definition of Primary Care

High-quality primary care is the provision of whole-person, integrated, accessible, and equitable health care by interprofessional teams that are accountable for addressing the majority of an individual's health and wellness needs across settings and through sustained relationships with patients, families, and communities.

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5 Objectives for Achieving High-Quality Primary Care

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PAYMENT

Pay for primary care teams to care for people, not doctors to deliver services.

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ACCESS

Ensure that high-quality primary care is available to every individual and family in every community.

3

WORKFORCE

Train primary care teams where people live and work.

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DIGITAL HEALTH

Design information technology that serves the patient, family, and interprofessional care team.

5

ACCOUNTABILITY

Ensure that high-quality primary care is implemented in the United States.

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Initiative to Strengthen Primary Health Care: Overview

- Launched by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) in September 2021
- **Aim:**
 - Provide a federal foundation to strengthen primary health care for our nation that will ensure high quality primary health care for all, improve health outcomes, and advance health equity
- **Initial Task:** Develop HHS Plan to Strengthen Primary Health Care
 - Submit to Secretary Becerra - target delivery date, June 2022
 - HHS role in steering, coordinating, and overseeing implementation of a plan to strengthen primary health care
 - Specific actions to be taken by HHS and across HHS agencies
 - Deliverables with timeline

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Health of US Primary Care Scorecard



Primary Care Transformation

> HEALTH OF US PRIMARY CARE SCORECARD

> PRIMARY CARE INVESTMENT: STATE POLICY AND SPENDING MAPS

Despite evidence that primary care improves the health of the population, primary care in the United States is in a vulnerable position, according to a report from National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine's *High-Quality Primary Care*. The Milbank Memorial Fund and the Robert Graham Center are collaborating to develop an annual "Health of US Primary Care Scorecard" to inform the implementation of high-quality primary care and inform the selection of Committee members, who will inform measure selection.



Milbank Memorial Fund Collaborates with The Physicians Foundation and Robert Graham Center on New US Primary Care Scorecard

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