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Society calls on Congress to extend cost-sharing reduction payments to maintain gains in coverage

The Wisconsin Medical Society is asking the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to act in a timely, bipartisan fashion to extend the cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments through 2019. These payments play a critical role in retaining coverage for those most in need, by helping to offset deductible and out-of-pocket costs for patients between 100 percent and 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For a single person, 100 percent FPL is an income of \$12,060 a year; for a family of four, it is an income of \$24,600 a year.

“We believe the CSR payments are a key tool in maintaining the gains we have made in reducing the number of uninsured in Wisconsin. With newly insured patients, we have had success in promoting primary, preventive care and helping patients access and utilize the health care system in a more appropriate manner,” said Society President Noel Deep, MD.

“Acting quickly to provide patients with more certainty regarding their coverage is the right thing to do until a longer-term solution is presented for discussion,” he added. “The last thing we want is for our patients to lose their coverage and reverse the positive trends made in Wisconsin.”

Wisconsin physicians ask that the Delegation put patients first, and they stand ready to work with legislators and health care stakeholders to develop solutions on health care to continue to move Wisconsin in the right direction on coverage, quality and cost.

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