

Primary Care for All

CAFP Local Chapter Discussion Guide

Background

In December 2025, the CAFP Board of Directors approved a policy position supporting a unified financing model to provide universal primary care coverage in California. This model would use a health plan fee to create a public trust, ensuring stable funding for family physicians and equitable access for all patients, while keeping separate insurance for other care. As we continue to shape this policy, we encourage local chapter leaders to use this discussion guide with their members, and we ask that you share your thoughts and feedback. Your input is vital as we plan our next steps.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you see primary care as essential infrastructure, like water or electricity? Why or why not?
2. What does “universal access” to primary care look like to you?
3. How would this model affect different types of practice models (e.g. Direct Primary Care, FQHCs, etc.)?
4. What do you think are the strengths of this model? What are the weaknesses?
5. How would you improve this model?
6. Would the potential for sustainable funding and reduced administrative burden be enough to recruit a primary care workforce that could support this model?
7. How can we effectively communicate the benefits of unified financing to stakeholders, legislators and the public?

Resources

- CAFP Primary Care for All Website: www.familydocs.org/pcfa
 - PCFA Task Force Final Report available including FAQ
- Zirui Song, et. al., “Primary Care as a Public Utility: The Case for a Common Fund,” JAMA, 2026; 335(23): 2057-2062. doi:10.1001/jama.2026.7194
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2849331>

Share Your Feedback!

We encourage local chapters to take notes on their conversations and share feedback with us at pcfa@familydocs.org.