



March 20, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell,

We have become aware that **troubling language on Direct Primary Care** has been included in the third bill related to COVID-19. The language comes from the controversial S. 2999, “The Primary Care Enhancement Act,” which we find inserted into the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (page 171, Section 4403). This language will not improve patient care.

S. 2999 provisions will add prescriptive requirements to what is now an example of freedom and free-markets in American medicine – the Direct Primary Care clinic.

While physicians are busy putting their lives at risk to care for Americans infected with coronavirus, Congress should not use the third coronavirus bill as a vehicle to limit their freedom to practice freely. Congress should not limit the independent practice of medicine, cap market-based fees that DPC doctors can charge and that patients are willing to pay, limit the types of doctors that can participate in the DPC movement, or refer to DPC practices as a type of “insurance” that could then lead to additional regulation by state insurance departments. DPC is not a type of insurance, and direct primary care doctors do not need to join the ranks of the over-regulated.

As regulatory barriers are lifted at the state and federal level to free doctors, patients and businesses to work efficiently together during the coronavirus pandemic, why would Congress choose to restrict access to one of the best, most direct and efficient models of care when Americans need it most?

We are asking you to remove section 4403 from the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.”

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Twila Brase, RN, PHN
President and Cofounder
Citizens Council for Health Freedom