

Subject: Med-Peds and Federal Health Reform

Good Morning/Afternoon,

As a member of the Med-Peds community, we wanted to make you aware of how federal health care reform will impact our specialty and ask you get involved.

A common theme in the legislation is to make changes that benefit primary care specialties. Unfortunately, combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics is *not* listed as a primary care specialty, while internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, geriatric medicine, and obstetrics-gynecology are included.

There are potential implications to this, not limited to differential reimbursements to Med-Peds primary care physicians, difficulty of Med-Peds residents to apply to federal loan forgiveness programs, and difficulty of Med-Peds Program Directors to apply for certain training grants.

Attached to this e-mail you will find a draft letter that we encourage you to *immediately* send via mail or fax to your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator. You can find their contact information using your zip code at:

www.house.gov

www.senate.gov

This is time sensitive so your attention to this is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,