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**Michigan Primary Care Association Applauds Passage of Fiscal Year 2013 State Budget**

Michigan Primary Care Association, the voice for the state's federally-funded Health Centers and other community-based providers, applauds Governor Snyder and the leadership of both houses of the Michigan legislature for passing a fiscal year 2013 budget that promotes access to health care for the state's most underserved residents.

Maintaining Medicaid eligibility categories and services provides Michigan's most vulnerable population with access to essential health care services. Without this coverage, this population would likely be precluded from accessing our health care system. In addition to the moral rightness of this policy action, it is also economically sound. Moreover, increasing primary care rates helps retain primary care providers in our state that serve Medicaid patients. It also recognizes the vital role that prevention plays in mitigating health care expenditures.

Finally, we truly commend our policy makers, particularly those involved in the Department of Community Health appropriations process, for restoring funds for Graduate Medical Education and, once again, funding the Michigan Student Loan Repayment Program. These two items will tremendously help our efforts to attract medical providers to underserved areas of our state and alleviate the effects of Michigan's impending provider shortage.

**About Michigan Primary Care Association**

Michigan Primary Care Association has been the voice for Health Centers and other community-based providers in Michigan since 1980. It is a leader in building a healthy society in which all residents have convenient and affordable access to quality health care. MPCA's mission is to promote, support, and develop comprehensive, accessible, and affordable quality community-based primary care services to everyone in Michigan. For more information, please visit [www.mpca.net](http://www.mpca.net) or call 517.381.8000.

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