



June 17, 2010

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave, SW., Room 736-E
Washington, DC 20201

RE: Multiple Chronic Conditions Strategic Framework

Dear Madam Secretary,

The American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) is pleased to provide comment on the Strategic Framework to improve the health status of individuals with concurrent multiple chronic conditions (MCC). ACPM is the national medical society for nearly 2,500 preventive medicine physicians who are uniquely trained in both clinical and population-based medicine and are committed to disease prevention and health promotion.

ACPM supports the fundamental goals of the strategic framework to address the prevention of chronic conditions, as well as enhance the clinical management and improve the health status of individuals with MCC.

Because evidence-based clinical guidelines, tools and information usually focus on the care of patients with a single medical condition, and because the general approach to medical care does not adequately address the needs of individuals with complex, concurrent conditions, it is important to develop a tailored approach to appropriately assess and manage individuals with MCC.

Fundamental to any effort to improve the health and quality of life for individuals with MCC is the need to facilitate research that includes this population in the study design. The results of this research will then inform the development of the tools and interventions mentioned in the strategic framework.

We are pleased to see that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is committed to improving health outcomes in patients with MCC. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Paul Bonta, Associate Executive Director, Policy and Government Affairs, at, pbonta@acpm.org or 202-466-2044 X110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark B. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President