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Dear Mr. Balasa:

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) are both participants in the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) movement.

We are grateful for your article *The CMA (AAMA): An Invaluable Asset for the Pediatric Office* that has been posted on AAP's *Practice Management Online*. It explains clearly how important CMAs (AAMA) are in a pediatric practice employing a PCMH model of care.

The recent collaboration between the American Academy of Pediatrics and the AAMA in creating fresh and informative articles for our membership is an important endeavor. As the medical home model of care continues to gain a stronger foothold in the health care delivery system, our cooperative efforts to educate child health providers on the value of teamwork and professional collaboration will become even more critical.

The AAP looks forward to identifying future areas of mutual interest and collaboration with you and your AAMA colleagues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger F. Suchyta".

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Dear Mr. Balasa:

The American College of Physicians is pleased that the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) has joined the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative in support of the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) movement.

The PCMH is a model of care that heavily relies upon effective teams in well-organized practices. There are many opportunities, as I'm sure your membership knows, for better coordination of care for our patients which can only be delivered when physicians and their clinical support staff work to the best of their abilities in the support of high quality, patient-centered care. Of course, Certified Medical Assistants are often the key link between patients and their physicians and therefore can play a critical role in the implementation of the PCMH concept.

Per our discussions and email correspondence, I look forward to exploring opportunities with AAMA to help educate our respective membership about the value of clinical teams which include CMAs practicing to their highest level of certification, skills and abilities.

Best Regards,



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Dear Mr. Balasa:

Thank you for writing in support of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model of care, a revolutionary paradigm to transform how health care is delivered and maintained. Many health care associations, companies, and insurers have signed on to the PCMH concept as a key component of health care system reform efforts. I am proud to have the American Association of Medical Assistants as an ally of the PCMH.

The American Osteopathic Association's Department of Government Relations is primarily responsible for our outreach, collaboration, and advocacy to advance the PCMH. I have asked our Washington, DC, staff to follow up with you and the American Association of Medical Assistants to discuss ways our organizations can work together to advance the PCMH.

Kindly yours,

John B. Crosby, JD

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