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The Alliance of Independent Dentists and American Academy of Emergency Medicine Join Coalition for Patient-Centered Care in Our Fight Against Private Equity in Healthcare

Washington, D.C. — Every day, providers and legislators across the country are realizing something important: profits should never come before patients. The Coalition for Patient-Centered Care (CPCC) has been a key driver in the fight to promote independent medicine and keep private equity out of healthcare.

Momentum is building. Last year, Oregon and California adopted two of the strongest laws targeting the corporate practice of medicine in the country. This year, more than two dozen states considered bills that would keep private equity out of healthcare. Just last week, Vermont passed a law limiting private equity involvement in their healthcare system. And now, heading into the 2027 state legislative sessions, CPCC is proud to announce that the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) and the Alliance of Independent Dentists (AID) have joined our coalition.

"The Alliance of Independent Dentists is proud to join the Coalition for Patient-Centered Care, said **Jill Tanzi, President of the Alliance of Independent Dentists.** "As consolidation and corporate ownership grow across healthcare, so does concern about their impact on patient care. When financial incentives outweigh clinical judgment, patients lose."

"We are proud to join the Coalition for Patient-Centered Care in defending physician-led medicine and protecting patients from the growing influence of private equity in healthcare," said **Vicki Norton, MD, FAAEM, President of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine**. "Emergency physicians see the consequences firsthand when corporate interests override clinical judgment. Patients deserve care guided by medical expertise and ethics, not investor returns."

“As the founding member of the Coalition for Patient-Centered Care, OrthoForum, the largest independent orthopedic physician group in the country, is delighted to welcome AAEM and AID as new members,” said **Glenn Sumner, Co-Founder of OrthoForum**. “Their involvement will further strengthen CPCC's resources and resolve to promote physician/dentist-owned and controlled practices while seeking ways to thwart private equity's intrusion into healthcare delivery.”

With the added support of AAEM and AID, CPCC looks forward to enacting new laws in 2027 prohibiting private equity from raising costs and worsening care for patients everywhere.

For more about CPCC and our work to keep private equity out of the American healthcare system, reach out to CPCC’s Policy Director Joe Van Wye at jvanwye@cuneolaw.com.

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