



**Senator Peggy Lehner**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**LEHNER ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING FOR PATIENT-CENTERED CARE**



*Senator Lehner addresses members of the press on Wednesday afternoon.*

**COLUMBUS** – State Senator Peggy Lehner (R – Kettering) today took part in announcing that \$1 million in Ohio Medicaid funding will be made available for the implementation of Ohio’s Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care. As a member of the Ohio House, Lehner sponsored House Bill 198 which established the PCMH Education Pilot Project.

The legislation and its pilot project provided the framework to better coordinate the care and services provided at 44 primary care practices throughout Ohio. The new funding resource offers the plan an added boost as it will expand the pilot project by adding six additional practices.

“These forty-four practices will be the classrooms for providers to learn how to become PCMH practitioners,” Lehner said. “While serving in the House, I was convinced that the Patient Centered Medical Home model was the future of medicine and that the proper funding would follow.”

Joining Senator Lehner at the announcement was Greg Moody, Director of the Office of Health Transformation; Angela Cornelius Dawson, Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and a member of the Ohio Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative; Dr. Paul Grundy of the IBM Health Care Transformation and President of the national Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative; and Dr. Randy Wexler of OSU Family Medicine at CarePoint.

This afternoon's press conference was held in the Ladies' Gallery of the Ohio Statehouse.

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*Senator Lehner represents Ohio's 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes a portion of Montgomery County. She currently serves as Chairwoman for the Senate Education Committee.*