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**ORTHOPAEDIC DOCTORS: GOVERNOR'S HEALTH PLAN**  
**SHOULD GUARANTEE PATIENT ACCESS TO PHYSICIAN SERVICES,**  
**ADEQUATE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

**HARRISBURG (January 17, 2007)** – Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society (POS) President Charles D. “Chip” Hummer, III, M.D. issued the following statement in response to Governor Edward G. Rendell’s announcement today for a his “Prescription for Pennsylvania” plan:

“Pennsylvania’s orthopaedic doctors look forward to working with Governor Rendell and the General Assembly on the details of this plan to include two important components to improve patient access to specialty medical care and to strengthen Pennsylvania’s health care system.

“We will work on behalf of patients to guarantee patient access to safe, cost-efficient, convenient, quality medical services at physician-directed facilities; and,

“Second, a requirement for transparency in insurer reimbursement policies and adequate payment for services provided by health care professionals.”

Also, attached is a letter from Dr. Hummer to Governor Rendell.

POS is a professional medical specialty organization representing more than 1,000 orthopaedic surgeons across Pennsylvania in advocating for excellence in the practice of orthopaedic medicine. For more information on the importance of bone, joint and muscle health at every age, visit the POS website at [www.paorthosociety.org](http://www.paorthosociety.org).

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