

MMA/MHA to Host "Listening Session" with U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree on July 2

MMA and the Maine Hospital Association will co-host a "Listening Session" with U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree this week on Thursday, July 2 from noon to 2:00pm at the MMA offices in the Frank O. Stred Building in Manchester. This session follows a very successful listening session with Sen. Olympia Snowe earlier this year. Nearly thirty stakeholder organizations have been invited to present their current thinking about health system reform at the session.

Congresswoman Pingree was first elected to represent Maine's First Congressional District last November and her two-year term began in January. She will be accompanied at the Session by staff members Jackie Potter and Jennifer Taylor. Ms. Taylor is the health staffer in Washington for Rep. Pingree.

Each of the organizations invited to present will be expected to highlight their highest priorities for consideration in the current discussion of reforms. Because of the number of presenters, each group will have approximately 3 minutes to present their case. Following the conclusion on the Listening Session at 2:00pm, participants are invited to stay for an additional hour to discuss further opportunities to work together in promoting health system reform.

Any MMA member is welcome to attend and observe the session, but please RSVP to Diane McMahan at 622-3374 ext. 216 (or via e-mail to dmcmahan@mainemed.com) so that we can be sure to have enough lunches for everyone.

MMA is committed to continuing a dialogue with Maine's Congressional delegation as the Congress continues to work on comprehensive health system reform.