



# GOVERNOR JOSH SHAPIRO

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: TOMORROW IN GREENE COUNTY – Governor Shapiro to Highlight Plan to Erase Medical Debt for Many Families Across Pennsylvania**

**Waynesburg, PA** – Tomorrow, **Governor Josh Shapiro** will join **Representative Arvind Venkat** at the Cornerstone Care Pediatric and Family Medicine Center of Waynesburg to highlight his proposal to invest **\$4 million** to erase nearly **\$400 million** of medical debt for low-income Pennsylvanians.

Governor Shapiro knows that too often, a lack of access to quality health insurance can lead to a life-defining financial crisis. As of October 2023 in Pennsylvania, the total balance of medical debt in the Commonwealth was over \$1.8 billion, with 9 percent of Pennsylvanians carrying medical debt in collections with a median amount of \$500. To help eliminate medical debt for Pennsylvanians, Governor Shapiro's proposal also calls for healthcare providers to implement transparent practices to limit medical debt from being incurred in the first place.

## **WHO:**

Governor Josh Shapiro  
Representative Arvind Venkat  
Rich Rinehart, CEO of Cornerstone Care  
Kathy Hogan, Pennsylvanian carrying medical debt

## **WHEN:**

TOMORROW, Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 1:30 PM

**WHERE:**

Cornerstone Care  
236 Elm Dr  
Waynesburg, PA 15370

**LIVE STREAM:**

[pacast.com/live/gov](https://pacast.com/live/gov)  
[governor.pa.gov/live/](https://governor.pa.gov/live/)

**RSVP:**

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP with the names and phones numbers for each member of their team to [ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov](mailto:ra-gvgovpress@pa.gov).