

# Support Funding Family Medicine Line

The future health of Ohio depends upon us providing more dollars to this important cause.

## Funding for Family Medicine is Critical.

### Here is Why:

- The Family Medicine Line provides much needed funding to help educate and produce family physicians – family physicians that provide patients with a personal medical home and high quality, cost effective care.
- The Family Medicine Line helps train family physicians who locate in areas with need; family physicians tend to distribute themselves to rural and inner city areas in larger numbers than do physicians in other specialties.
- The Family Medicine Line helps produce family physicians who emphasize disease prevention and health maintenance in addition to treating illness (decreasing healthcare costs by preventing and correcting health issues early before they are more serious and expensive to treat).
- The Family Medicine Line trains the family physicians who Medicare and Medicaid patients rely upon for their care.

## Why Family Medicine Line (GRF-235-519) is Important

A severe shortage of family physicians is predicted in the next 10-20 years. Ensuring that Ohio has an adequate supply of family physicians is essential to keeping Ohio's workforce healthy and productive because:

- Family physicians detect and treat health issues early before they become serious illnesses that are much more expensive to treat.
- In markets where family and primary care physicians provide the majority of care, patients are healthier and costs are lower.
- Populations with a high primary care physician-to-sub-specialist ratio result in lower mortality rates and lower costs.

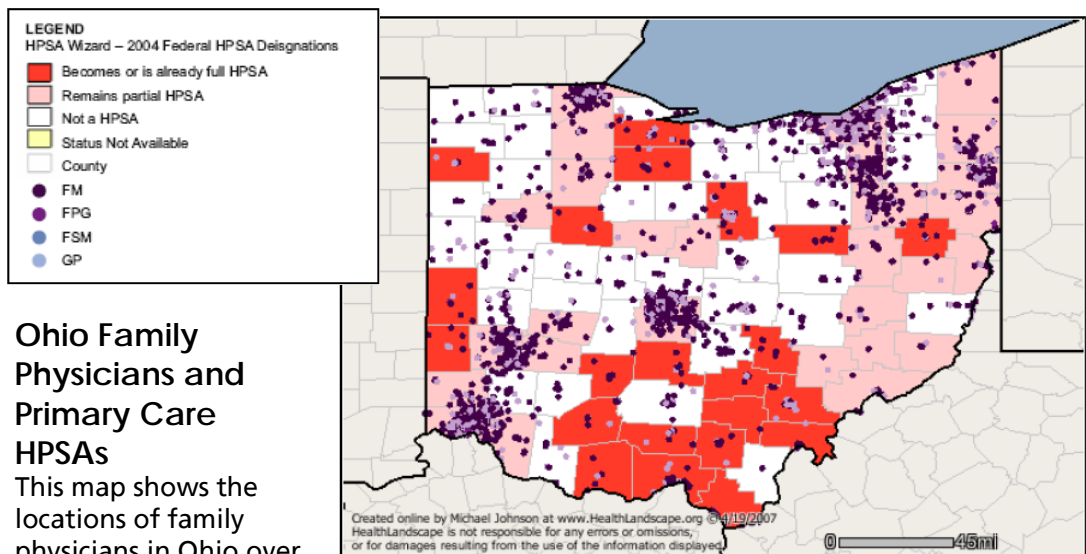
## Economic Impact of Family Physicians in Ohio

In addition to healthcare services, family physicians are significant generators of economic activity in local communities. Family physicians provide employment, purchase goods/services and even generate income to other healthcare organizations such as hospitals and nursing homes.

### Economic Impact of Family Physicians in Ohio

Impact per family physician per year	\$923,043
Total impact per year	\$2,422,066,737

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