

Primary Care Physician Workforce

Support Funding for Family Medicine Line in State Budget



Family Medicine Line (GRF 235-519) provides much needed funding for Ohio's medical schools to help educate and produce family physicians.

Every Ohioan needs...



Every Ohioan should have access to health care through a patient-centered medical home. Adequate funding for family medicine departments within the state's medical schools is imperative if we are to achieve this objective.

Why is a strong family medicine workforce critical to the future of our country's health care?

By 2025, the United States will need 52,000 additional primary care physicians to meet the country's health care needs:

- 33,000 additional primary care physicians to account for population growth.
- 10,000 more primary care physicians to *accommodate an aging population.*
- More than 8,000 additional primary care physicians to cover people previously uninsured.

How do family physicians impact Ohio's economy?

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

Source: Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies – www.graham-center.org

Beyond the family physician's contribution in providing health care for communities, family physicians are significant generators of economic activity in local communities. Family physicians provide employment, purchase goods/services and even generate income to other health care organizations such as hospitals and nursing homes.

Why family physicians?

- Ensuring that Ohio has an adequate supply of family physicians is essential to keeping Ohio's workforce healthy and productive.
- Family physicians provide high quality, cost effective care through patient-centered medical homes.
- Family physicians 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.
- Family physicians emphasize disease prevention and health maintenance in addition to treating illness.
- Family physicians detect and treat health issues early before they become serious illnesses that are much more expensive to treat.
- In communities with increased emphasis on primary care, people are healthier and costs are lower.
- Medicaid and Medicare patients rely upon family physicians for their care.

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