

August Recess Video Ask Instructions



What is a Video Ask?

A Video Ask is a short, recorded video (60-90 seconds) in which you answer three questions about one of AAFP's August Recess policy priorities. It is an opportunity to share your experience, explain what is at stake for patients and deliver a clear message to Congress.

You do not need professional equipment. Your phone and laptop camera works perfectly.



Why This Matters

During August recess, members of Congress return home to meet with constituents and hear what is happening in the communities they represent. Your Video Ask gives the AAFP a powerful, personal example of how federal policy affects family physicians, patients and access to care.

These videos may help inform AAFP advocacy, digital communications and conversations with lawmakers.



What You Need to Do

- » Click the Video Ask link: <https://www.videoask.com/fzcpet8tz>
- » Review the Question Bank and Intro Script.
- » Choose three questions you feel most comfortable answering.
- » Record your responses directly in the platform.

Each answer should be brief and conversational. Aim for about 60-90 seconds per question.

Start with experience. What are you seeing in your practice or community?

Explain the impact. How does this affect patients, physicians or access to care?

End with the ask. What action do you want Congress to take?



Intro Script

"Hi, my name is Dr. [Insert Name] and I'm a Family Physician and AAFP Advocacy Ambassador practicing at [Insert Organization] in [City, State]."

Advocacy empowers me to champion policy priorities that matter to our patients and communities like [Insert the topic of your questions]."

I'm excited to share why these issues are important and how you can join us in making a difference."

Questions by Topic

Choose three questions to answer from one topic below. Each answer should be brief and conversational. Aim for about 60-90 seconds per question.

Medicare Physician Payment Reform: The Patients First Act

- 1 How has the instability of Medicare physician payment affected your practice and your ability to plan for the future?
- 2 How do rising practice costs and inadequate Medicare payment updates affect the care you can provide to patients?
- 3 Can you share an example of how financial pressure has affected staffing, services or patient access in your practice?
- 4 How would more predictable, inflation-based Medicare payment updates strengthen primary care practices?
- 5 What would prospective, per-patient payments allow your practice to do differently for patients with complex or ongoing health needs?
- 6 What message would you share with Congress about why lawmakers should support the Patients First Act and create a more stable Medicare payment system?

Community Health Centers & the National Health Service Corps

- 1 What role do community health centers or National Health Service Corps clinicians play in your community?
- 2 How do community health centers help patients who might otherwise struggle to access primary care, behavioral health or dental services?
- 3 How does the National Health Service Corps help recruit and retain family physicians and other clinicians in rural or underserved communities?
- 4 What could happen to patients and communities if funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps expires or remains uncertain?
- 5 Can you share a story that demonstrates how these programs have strengthened access to care in your community or practice?
- 6 What message would you share with Congress about the need to provide a long-term extension of funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps?

Protect the International Medical Workforce

- 1 What role do international medical graduates and other internationally trained health professionals play in your community or health care system?
- 2 How would higher H-1B visa application fees affect hospitals, residency programs and practices seeking to recruit physicians and other medical professionals?
- 3 What impact could additional visa-related costs have on rural and underserved communities already facing physician shortages?
- 4 Can you share an example of how an international medical graduate or H-1B physician has improved access to care in your community?
- 5 Why is it important for immigration policy to recognize the unique workforce needs of the health care system?
- 6 What message would you share with Congress about exempting medical professionals and their employers from increased H-1B application fees?