



AAFP Advocacy Update

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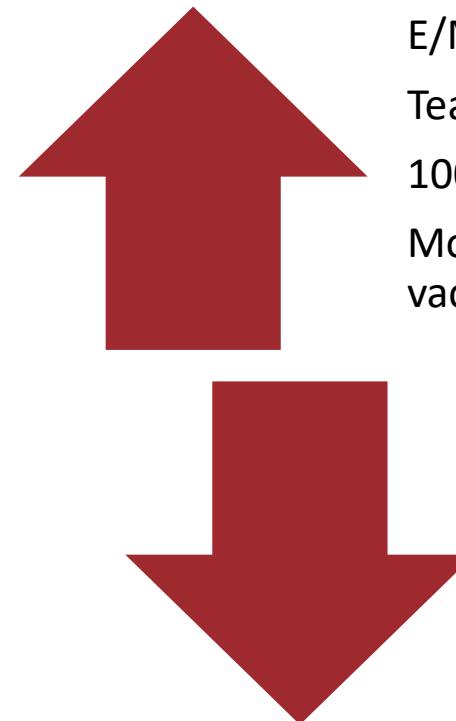
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Closing Out 2020



Year-end Stimulus Package



E/M codes

Teaching Health Centers

1000 GME slots

Monies for COVID-19 testing,
vaccinations, PPE

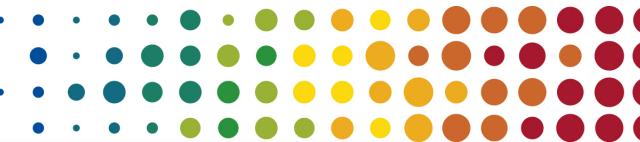
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Regulatory Blitz

- Between October 1-December 31, 2020, the Trump administration finalized over 20 significant regulations
- AAFP commented on 10

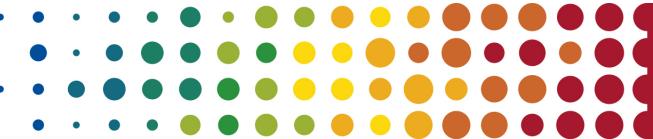




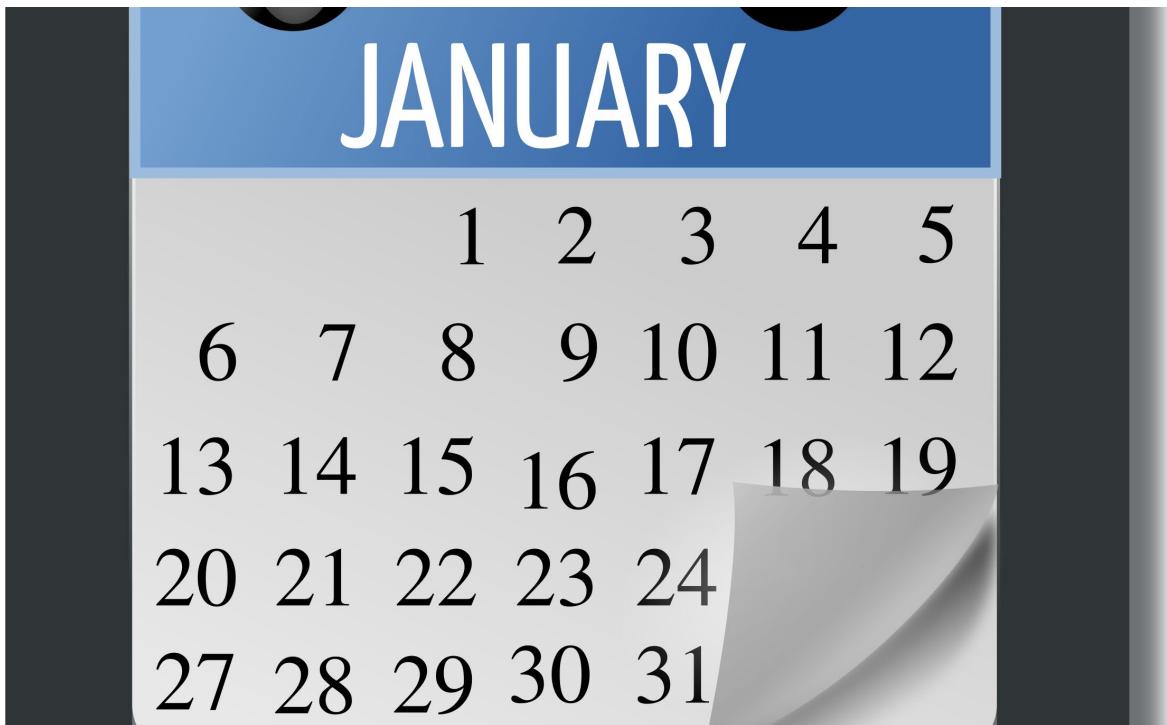
Kicking Off
2021

Executive Orders Already Issued

- **Jan. 20**
 - Mask Mandate at Government Complexes and Interstate Commerce
 - Reentering WHO
 - White House COVID-19 Taskforce Structure
- **Jan 21**
 - Global response to COVID
 - Support state efforts to combat COVID-19
 - Strengthen data collection and transparency
 - Support research into COVID-19 treatment and ensure adequate supply and distribution



8 Days of Executive Orders



January 25- Buy America
January 26- Equity
January 27- Climate
January 28- Health Care
January 29- Immigration
January 30-31- Weekend
February - Restoring America's
Place in the World



Biden's American Rescue Plan

- Nationwide vaccination effort
- \$1400 stimulus checks
- Small business support
- Emergency funding for federal information technology infrastructure
- FMAP increase to 100% for vaccine administration
- Greater investment in PPE
- Emergency paid leave
- Investments addressing social needs



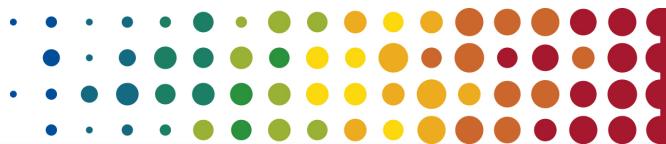
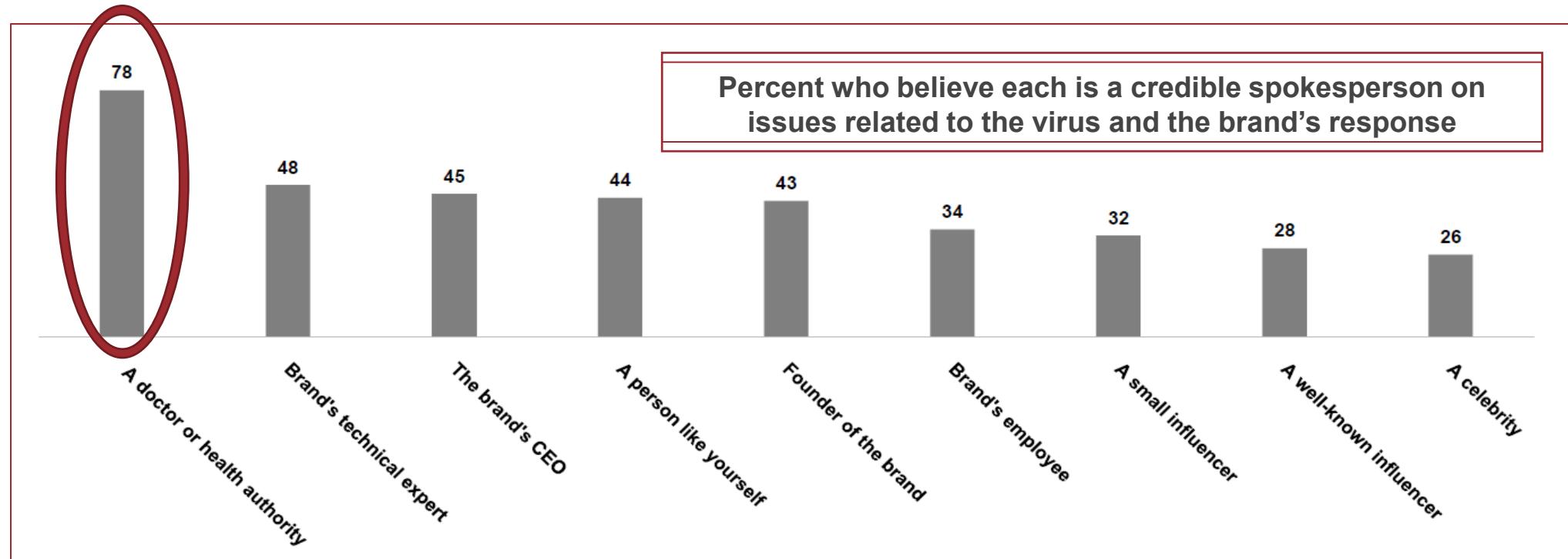
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AAFP's Vaccine Areas of Focus

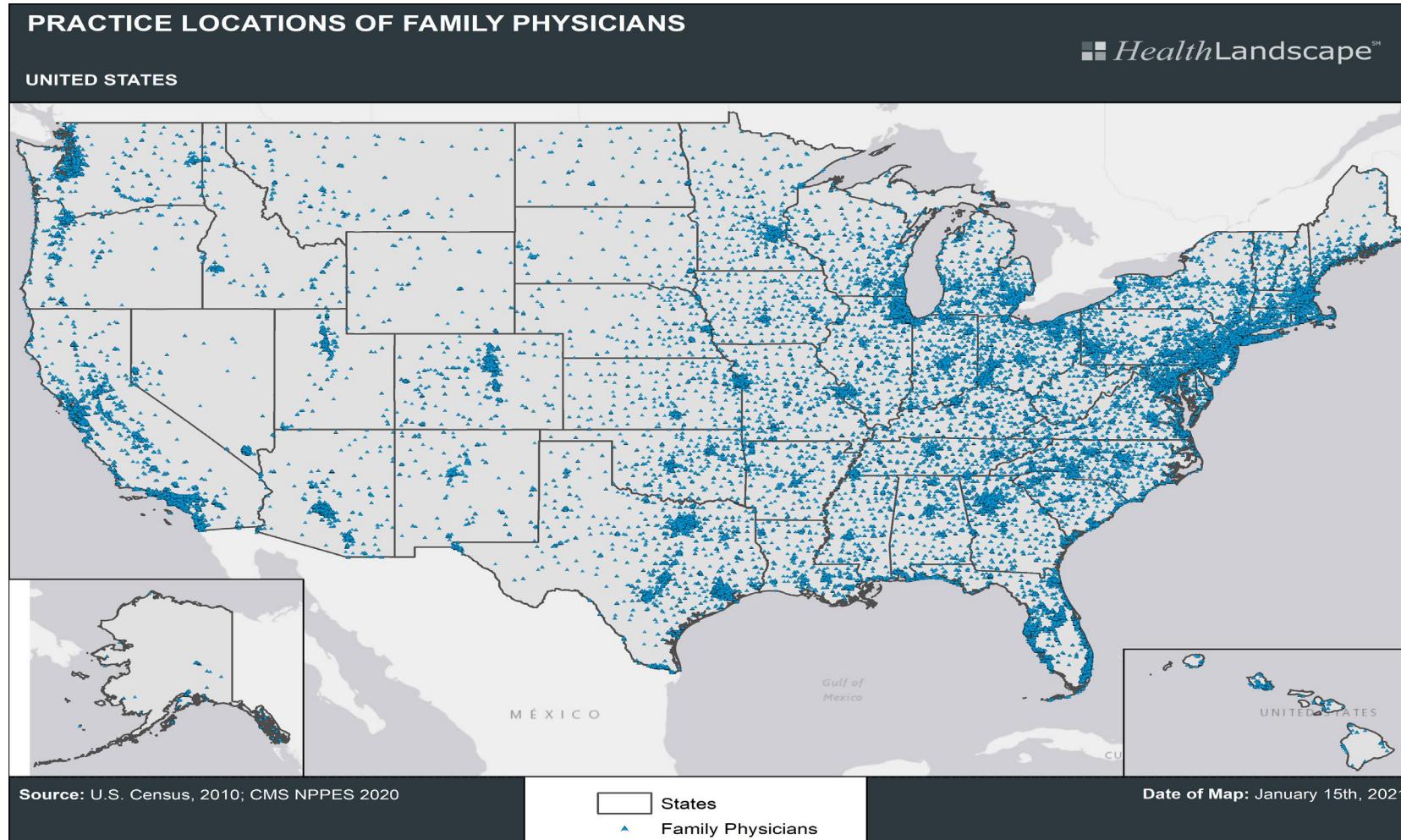


Who do consumers trust most on issues related to health or COVID-19?

The most trusted spokespeople are doctors and health authorities.



Family Physicians are Everywhere & Provide Care to Millions of Patients



Over 95% of US counties have at least one family physician.

This geographic distribution of family physicians is not matched by any other physician specialty.

Immediate Access to Vaccines for Family Physicians

Many Family Physicians have struggled to access the COVID-19 vaccine for themselves and their care teams. It is imperative that all frontline healthcare workers get vaccinated, especially Family Physicians and their care teams.



AAP Geospatial Data Visualization Tool that can Help Target Vaccine Resources & Efforts

- *Population Health Mapper* includes Health Outcome and Health Determinant Metrics to identify populations in highest need.
- The HealthLandscape tool allows for the visualization of data and health care trends at the county level, giving users insight into potential areas of focus.
- By mapping vaccination rates from previous influenza seasons, we can better understand where efforts to vaccinate were most successful and, similarly, where they fell short.



Hot-spotting and Cold-spotting

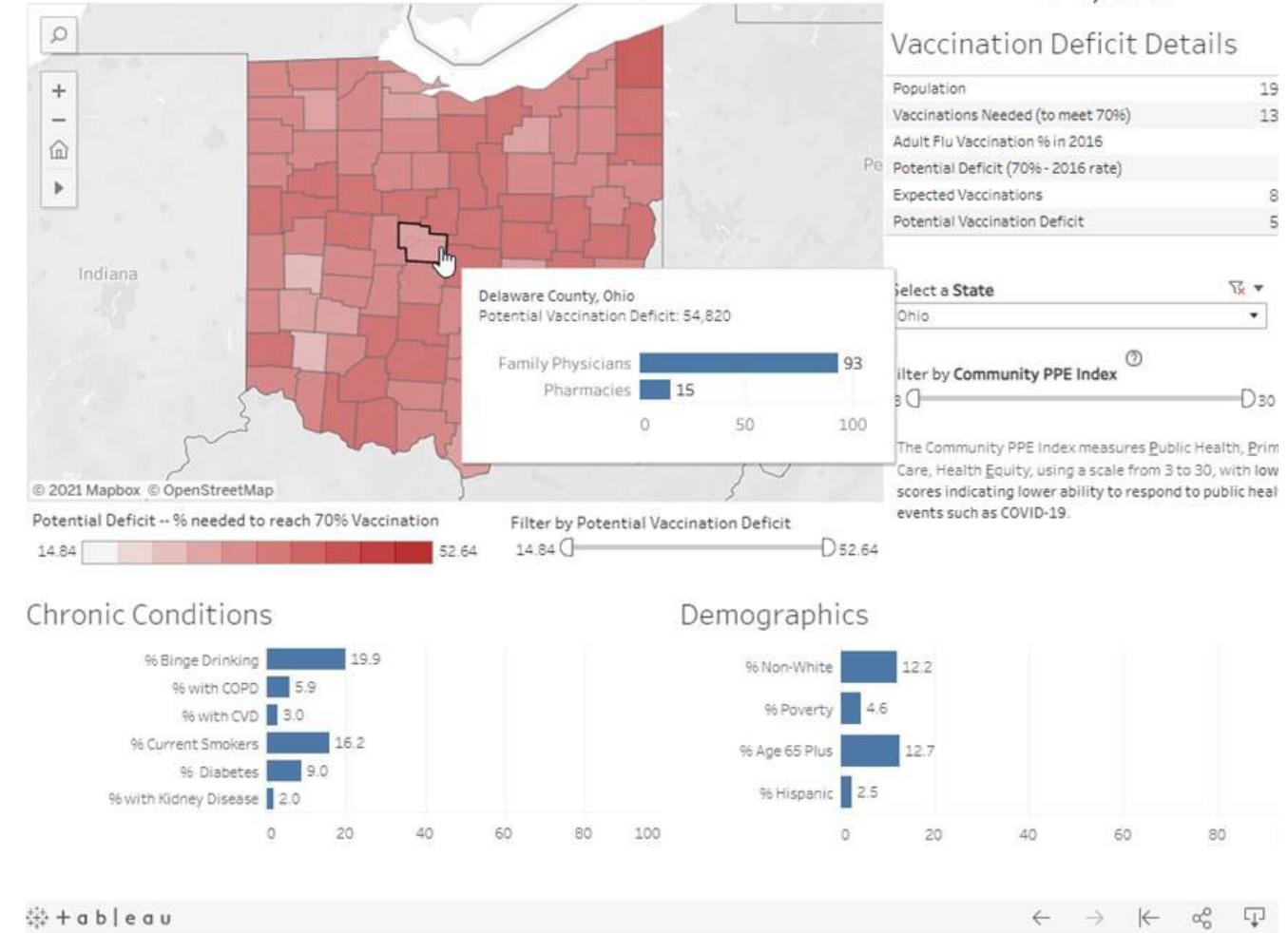
- The map shows family physician practice locations by county, illustrating where these primary care providers could quickly and efficiently be deployed to increase rapid population vaccination. Pharmacy locations and other relevant data can be added to enhance the narrative.
- This “hot-spotting” and “cold-spotting” exploration could yield important information for targeting immunization efforts, resources, and educational outreach to specific geographic regions based on previous trends.

The “Community of Immunity” Vaccination Deficit Explorer

■ HealthLandscape

The Vaccination Deficit is the estimated number of COVID-19 vaccinations that may not be administered in each U.S. county based on previous annual influenza vaccination rates. A 70% vaccination rate is the minimum necessary to achieve “herd immunity.”

Potential Vaccination Deficit
54,820



Legislative Outlook





Reconciliation Strategy

- Budget Resolution
- Potential Policy Options
- Timing

AAFP Priorities in 2021

- Health care for all
- Strengthening the workforce
- Health equity
- Value-based payment reforms
- Telehealth



What We Might See in the States



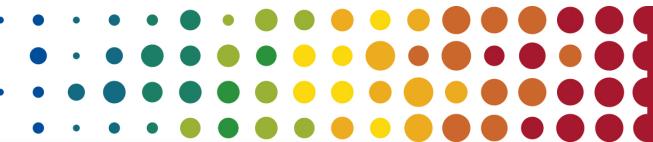
- Public Option
- Medicaid Cuts
- 1115/1332 Waivers



How We Are Engaging



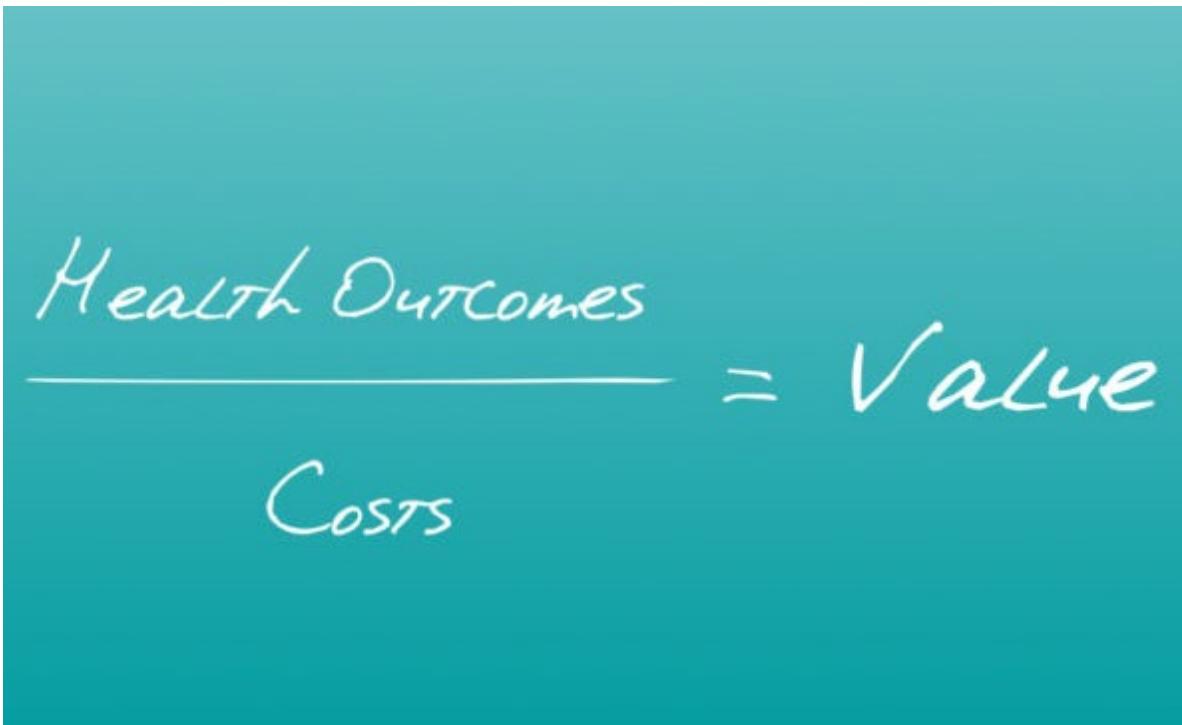
- Direct engagement with Members of 117th Congress
- Meeting with Biden administration
- February Board Advocacy Day – targeted Hill meetings
- Family Medicine Advocacy Summit – May
- Revamp advocacy tools (PAC, grassroots, tops)



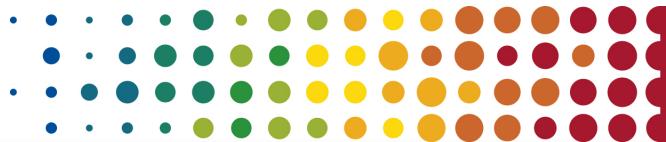
Practice Advancement



AAFP Value-Based Payment Efforts



- 2021 VBP Payment Study
- Payer Engagement
- Vision 2025
- VBP Advisory Group
- FPM™



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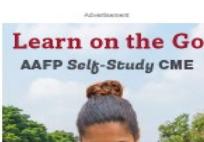
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- Expanded access to valuable practice, career tools, and resources through a new hub on AAFP.org that ties together trusted tools, information, and resources including FPM Journal and a new opportunity for industry engagement
- Now offers family physicians and their teams' timely resources to help them improve their practice, provide better care, and have rewarding careers and lives.
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