



Immunization Policy & Advocacy



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STRONG MEDICINE FOR AMERICA



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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President-elect
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President-elect Trump:

The American Academy of Family Physicians looks forward to working closely with your new Administration and the 115th Congress to ensure that all Americans have access to high-quality, efficient health care. The transition in governance comes in the midst of an ongoing health system change that will determine whether patients have access to high quality, affordable health care in the future.

Primary care – and particularly family medicine – is foundational to continued progress in reforming the health care system. The complexity of care provided by family physicians is unparalleled in medicine. Research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care shows that patients who have several health concerns seek the care of their family physician over subspecialists. The data also demonstrate that family physicians address more diagnoses and treatment plans per visit than subspecialists. Those findings heighten the importance of implementing policies that value primary medical care and build the primary care physician workforce.

The policies we have identified here will enable the American people to thrive. They will ensure continued progress toward health care for all, supported by a payment system that rewards value over volume of services, that promotes prevention and wellness, that protects patients from financial barriers to needed services, and that builds a primary care physician workforce that can meet the growing demand for care. Family physicians need your administration to make these a priority as we reform and improve America's health care system.

AAFP Legislative Priorities

- Health Care For All
- Delivery System & Payment Reform
- Health Care Affordability
- Primary Care Workforce
- Promote Prevention & Wellness

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- Promote health equity by advancing the value of incorporating social determinants of health in all health care delivery systems.
- Collaborate with the public health community to promote prevention and wellness programs that improve well-being and decrease the onset of disease.
- **Increase vaccination rates for children and adults by improving access to vaccines for family medicine practices, reforming the vaccine supply chain and creating payment policies that appropriately promote the delivery of vaccines, as appropriate, to all patients.**



Immunization & Vaccine Priorities

- Increase vaccination rates
- Improve access to vaccines for family medicine practices
- Improve the vaccine supply chain
- Improve payment policies

Coverage & Cost-Sharing

- Coverage Policies
 - USPSTF
 - ACIP
 - Bright Futures
- Vaccine Benefit & Cost-Sharing
 - Medicare Part B v Part D
 - Medicaid/CHIP
- Administration Fees
 - Flat fee v ASP

Trust of Science



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Even in 2015, the public doesn't trust scientists

On climate, vaccines and GMO food, activists shouldn't be more convincing than research.



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Anti-Vaccination Movement



Love them. Protect them.
Never inject them.

There are NO safe vaccines!

Shaken Baby Syndrome

Chronic Ear Infections

Death

SIDS

Seizures

ADD

Allergies

Asthma

Autism

Diabetes

Meningitis

and polio are caused by adverse reactions to vaccine poisons.



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