

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY MEDICINE IN MICHIGAN

Family physicians are residency-trained, primary care specialists dedicated to treating the whole person. With a focus on prevention, primary care, and overall care coordination, family physicians provide a wide variety of clinical services, and, when necessary, refer their patients to a specialist, while continuing to advocate for that patient's care.

Family Physicians in the U.S. Health Care System

More Americans depend on family physicians than on any other medical specialty. AAFP members are the main source of primary health care for the Medicare population and see a large proportion of new Medicaid beneficiaries.¹

91%
participate in Medicare

82%
accept new Medicare patients

70%
accept new Medicaid patients

Family Physicians^{2,3,4} in Michigan

4,522 AAFP members

38 family medicine
residency programs

4 teaching health
center programs

Physician Shortage in Michigan

Due to an aging, growing, and increasingly insured population, addressing both physician shortages and geographic maldistribution of primary care physicians requires analysis and action on both the federal and state level.^{5,6}

64.1% of residents live in a
health professional
shortage area

113 medically
underserved areas

12% increase (862 physicians)
needed by 2030

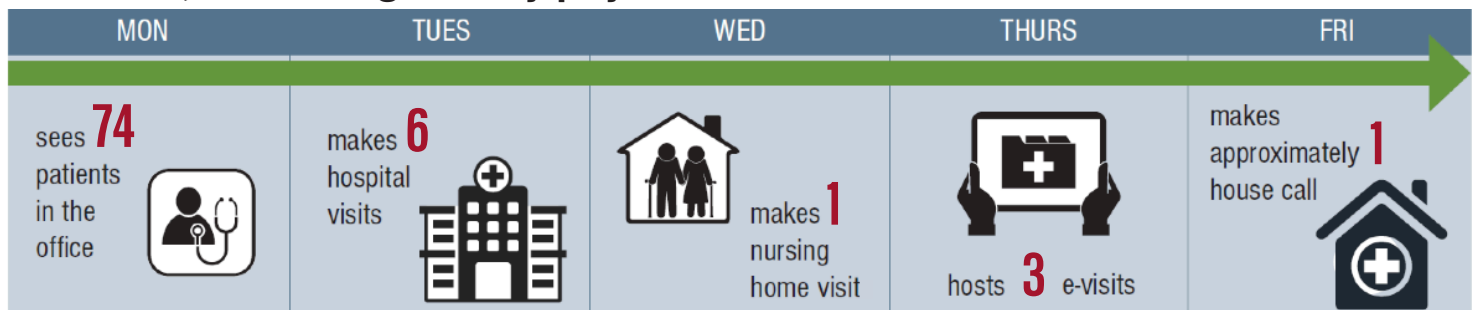
Family Medicine's Contributions to the Economy⁷ in Michigan

\$6.7 billion in direct and
indirect economic output

42,842 jobs
direct and indirect positions

\$3.2 billion in direct and
indirect wages and benefits

In a week, the average family physician:



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