



Family Medicine Working Party

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INDEPENDENT FAMILY PRACTICE

CONSIDERATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT FAMILY PRACTICE

- **ACOFP:**
 - 71% Employed
 - Rural: 33%
 - 1-5 Physician Practice: 25%
 - Solo: 15%

- **AAFP:**
 - 1-5 Physician Practice: 52%
 - Employed: 71%
 - Owner: 26%
 - Rural: 17%

POPULATION AT RISK WITHOUT FAMILY PHYSICIAN

- Rural
- Underserved
- Uninsured

BARRIERS TO INDEPENDENT PRACTICE

FINANCIAL

TECHNOLOGICAL

LIFE STYLE

- **FINANCIAL**

- Reduced insurance payments
- High cost of maintaining HER
- High uninsured population
- Cost of CMS compliance (GAO report)
- Patient utilization of other healthcare options

- **TECHNOLOGICAL**

- Lack of I.T. support
- Cost of obtaining and maintaining HER
- Time demand to collect data
- Time demand to produce appropriate reports for MIPS

- **LIFE STYLE**

- Time demand
- Coverage issues
- Rural vs Urban living
- Salary differential: employed vs self-employed

- **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

- Increasing trend toward employed
- Recruitment of young physicians to independent practice
- Resources for independent practices
- Advocacy
- Impact of ACO/APM