

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY MEDICINE IN

Illinois

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

87%

participate in traditional Medicare

78%

accept new Medicare patients

60%

accept new Medicaid patients

Family Physicians^{2,3,4} in *Illinois*

6,363

Family Medicine/General Practice²

36

Family Medicine Residency Programs³

4

Teaching Health Center Programs⁴

Physician Shortage⁵ in Illinois

134

Health Professional Shortage Areas

6,244,402

people living in a Health Professional Shortage Area 176

Medically Underserved Areas

12%

increase (1,063 physicians) needed by 20306

Family Medicine's Contribution to the Economy

\$9 billion

In Direct and Indirect Economic Output 53,173

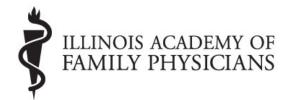
of Jobs Direct and Indirect Positions

\$4.3 billion in Direct and Indirect Wages

and Benefits

In a week, the average family physician:7

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
sees 65 patients in the office	makes 7 hospital visits	makes 3 nursing home visits	hosts 8 e-visits	makes approximately house call



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