



Health Care Reform Briefing

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Inadequate Primary Care Providers

- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- General Internal Medicine
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants



Unfilled GME Positions by Specialty Academic Year 2007-2008

• Family Medicine	9,622/10,266	(6.27%)
• General IM	22,284/23,985	(7.09%)
• OB/GYN	4,813/5,041	(4.52%)
• Pediatrics	8,145/8,497	(4.14%)
• Non Primary Care	62,987/70,862	(11.11%)



U. S. Average Physician Income

- Pediatrician \$203,000
- Family physician
 - With OB \$211,500
 - Without OB \$200,000
- Radiologist \$556,000
- Dermatologist \$323,500
- Neurosurgeon \$645,000



Why?

- Money
- Lack of Mentoring
- Medical School Recruitment
- Practice Demands
- Additional Challenges for rural and inner city needs



Enhancing Medical School Production of Primary Care Physicians

- Medical school recruitment
- Faculty Mentoring
- **Loan Payback**
- **Opportunities for Training**



Medical Home

- The Patient-Centered Medical Home is an approach to providing comprehensive primary care for children, youth and adults. This health care setting facilitates partnerships between individual patients, their physicians, and when appropriate the patient's family.
- The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease.
William Osler
- What I call a good patient is one who, having found a good physician, sticks to him till he dies.
Oliver Wendell Holmes



What is in the House Language?

- Loan Repayment (Section 2201, 3401)
- Expanded National Health Service Corp
 - Redefined Service Payback Options (Section 2201)
- Payment (Section 1303, 1821, 3131)
- Training (Section 2213, 2241-44)
 - Non-hospital Based (Section 1502, 2214)
 - Transition of Unfilled Primary Care Positions (Sect 1501)
- Interdisciplinary Training Incentives (Section 2251, 2252)
- Medical Homes (Section 1302-03)
- Support for nursing, public health & dental training (Section 2211, 2221, 2231-35, 2213-15)



Special Needs Areas

- Funding for pilot programs to evaluate potential solutions (Section 1301 – Accountable Care Organizations, Section 1302 – Medical Home pilots,
- Extension of the geographic floor for work – effects fees paid for rural areas (Section 1194)
- Comparative effectiveness research (Section 1401)



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