



PHYSICIAN PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT

In Minnesota, we know that family physicians are THE doctors taking care of our rural communities.

- More than 50% of physicians practicing in small, rural communities are family doctors.
- More than 66% of physicians practicing in isolated areas are family doctors.

[2017 Overview of the Physician Workforce](#) (Minnesota Department of Health)

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The Problem

1. **We have a growing primary care physician shortage.**

By 2030, it is estimated that Minnesota will require approximately **1,187 additional primary care physicians** to meet the demand driven by population growth, aging and broader insurance coverage (Robert Graham Center).

2. **We also have a growing preceptor shortage (which deepens our primary care physician shortage).**

Evidence shows that early and consistent mentorship of medical students by preceptors, who help students develop necessary clinic skills and practical experience, increases the likelihood of students choosing family medicine as a career (American Academy of Family Physicians).

As we continue to experience primary care physician shortages, the current supply of preceptors isn't enough to train and encourage students to choose family medicine and to prepare them for what to expect in their communities. Ultimately, this will threaten our state's ability to meet the growing demand for primary care physicians.

Many preceptors are concerned about increased time commitments from teaching that takes them away from their patients, leading to lower productivity in their roles as physicians, and **the current compensation model for primary care physicians does not include reimbursement for precepting and teaching students**, even though clinical training relies heavily on this concept.



Physician Preceptor Tax Credit

A Solution

While many reforms are needed to address these shortages, **tax incentives are a way to compensate preceptors for their time and effort in training new physicians while also encouraging physicians to serve as preceptors.**

Currently, five states in the U.S. have begun to use tax incentives for physician preceptors.

Minnesota needs to follow the lead of other states to appropriately incentivize preceptors to provide valuable hands-on experience, as the next generation's physicians, as well as their patients, rely on it.

Take Action

Support SF 3563, legislation which will provide tax credits for precepting for physicians and other health care providers that serve as preceptors in Minnesota.

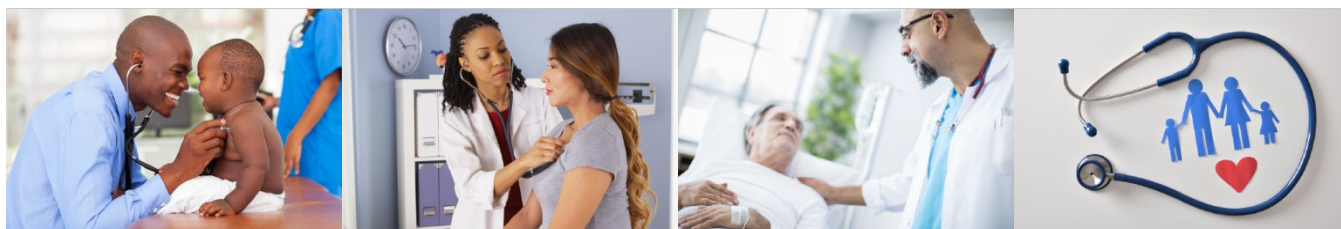
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What Is Primary Care?

"[It] is the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for:

- *addressing a large majority of personal health care needs*
- *developing a sustained partnership with patients and*
- *practicing in the context of family and community."*

- Institute of Medicine

Primary care includes **preventive health services, mental health care, treatment for common illnesses** and **chronic disease management.**

Family physicians provide comprehensive primary care across the lifespan, serving as the entry point for most of a patient's health care needs and helping coordinate care with other specialists.

About the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians

Representing **more than 3,100 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students**, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) is a state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the largest physician specialty organization in Minnesota.