

CHCF Report on Physician Supply in California

A new report from the California Health Care Foundation highlights the primary care challenges in California. The report states that the primary care shortage in California is worse than thought and the reasons they attribute for the shortage and declining interest is similar to what ACP has been discussing nationally. They also recommend the same solutions. It may be helpful to cite this report in making recommendations to CA lawmakers. The 25 page report, which has an Executive Summary, is at the link below and attached.

Among the findings:

- The supply of physicians is significantly lower than previously estimated.
- The number of primary care physicians actively practicing in California is at the bottom range of, or below, the state's need based on Council of Graduate Medical Education estimates.
- There is an abundance of specialists practicing in the state, though geographically they are unevenly distributed.
- Rural counties suffer from low physician practice rates, and from a diminishing supply of primary care physicians.

Fewer and More Specialized: A New Assessment of Physician Supply in California.

<http://www.chcf.org/topics/view.cfm?itemID=133962>

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