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Primary Care Shortage in Pa.? Not So Fast

Vast Majority of Family Physicians Taking New and Under-insured Patients

(HARRISBURG, PA.) Access to health care is an issue of profound concern among Pennsylvanians and policymakers, including the pervasive fear of demand for primary care surpassing availability. But a [new report](#), jointly prepared by the **Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP)** and **Dr. G. Terry Madonna** (who has covered many state policy matters over more than two decades of polling experience), has found that **family physicians are highly accessible to patients across Pennsylvania – including patients without insurance and patients on Medicare and Medicaid.**

According to the survey, 90 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians accept new patients, and 98 percent see and treat patients without insurance. Furthermore, nearly 95 percent of family physicians provide care to patients on Medicare, and nearly two-thirds accept and treat patients on Medical Assistance. The report suggests that Pennsylvanians who seek access to health care will likely find it thanks to the commitment of family physicians to accept patients regardless of their insurance status.

Please see the full report – with statistics, graphs and comments from Dr. G. Terry Madonna and PAFP President Kevin Wong, MD – as an attachment to this press release.

The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its Foundation supports its members (including nearly 80 percent of Pennsylvania family physicians) through advocacy and education to ensure a patient-centered medical home for every Pennsylvanian. The Academy and its Foundation are the leading influential resource among family physicians and physicians in training in Pennsylvania; the primary voice on health care issues with state legislative and administrative branches of government, media and professional health organizations; and the leader on health care issues in the community.

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