



On behalf of the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus (CAMC), the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) presents:

Medicare's Role in Addressing the Physician Shortage

Monday, May 6

12-1pm

2060 Rayburn House Office Building

Lunch will be provided at this widely attended event

Please RSVP to jbuchanan@aamc.org

The United States is facing a [serious shortage of physicians](#), between 46,900 and 121,900 by 2032. This is largely due to a growing and aging population and the impending retirements of older physicians. Because it takes up to 10 years to train a doctor, looming shortages must be addressed now before they become inevitable. Medicare's support for training residents has been effectively frozen since 1997, due to caps on the number of medical residents that Medicare will support. Additionally, Medicare only covers 20 percent of resident training costs – forcing teaching hospitals themselves to offset the balance, a burden that is increasingly unsustainable.

This briefing will focus on AAMC's recently updated physician workforce shortage projections, what steps teaching hospitals are already taking to address their communities' workforce challenges, and how ending the freeze on Medicare's support for physician training can help ensure that Americans have access to the care they need.

Featured Speakers:

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