



Implementing High-Quality Primary Care: The Future Workforce

An Updated Definition of Primary Care

High-quality primary care is the provision of whole-person, integrated, accessible, and equitable health care by interprofessional teams that are accountable for addressing the majority of an individual's health and wellness needs across settings and through sustained relationships with patients, families, and communities.

5 Objectives for Achieving High-Quality Primary Care

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PAYMENT

Pay for primary care teams to care for people, not doctors to deliver services.

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ACCESS

Ensure that high-quality primary care is available to every individual and family in every community.

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WORKFORCE

Train primary care teams where people live and work.

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DIGITAL HEALTH

Design information technology that serves the patient, family, and interprofessional care team.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Ensure that high-quality primary care is implemented in the United States.

Workforce Recommendations

- Continue efforts to increase supply of primary care clinicians
- Monitor supply of and requirements for primary care clinicians
- Explore how to alleviate geographic maldistribution
- Amend scope of practice limitations for nurse practitioners and physician assistants
- Explore mechanisms to incentivize primary care services to support IPE education