Physician Supply and Demand Through 2032

**NATIONAL PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE BY 2032***

- **WE PREDICT A SHORTAGE OF**
  - **46,900-121,900** including a shortfall of
  - **21,100-55,200** primary care physicians
  - **24,800-65,800** specialists
  - **14,300-23,400** surgical specialists

**GREATEST CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SHORTFALL**

- **THE GROWING, AGING POPULATION AND AN AGING WORKFORCE**
  - The population over 65 is expected to grow by 48% by 2032.
  - In the next decade, 2 in 5 physicians will be over 65 and could retire.

**MEDICAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

- Increased 30% since 2002
- The academic medicine community is working to ensure our future physicians are ready to practice in an ever-changing and innovating health care system.

**PHYSICIAN TRAINING COMPLETION**

- It takes 7-15 years for a physician to complete their training, so we must address this shortage now.

**FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR GME**

- Caps on federal support for graduate medical education (GME) have been effectively frozen since 1997 and should be raised.

**RESIDENT PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE REDUCTION ACT**

- The AAMC supports the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2019 (S. 348, H.R. 1763), which adds 15,000 residency slots over 5 years.

*Note: The range of the projected shortfall for total physicians is smaller than the sum of the ranges of the projected shortfalls for the specialty categories. The demand scenarios modeled project future demand for physician services, but scenarios can differ in terms of whether future demand will be provided by primary care or nonprimary care physicians. Likewise, the shortfall range for total nonprimary care is smaller than the sum of the shortfall ranges for the specialty categories.