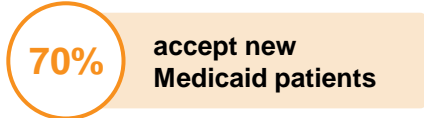
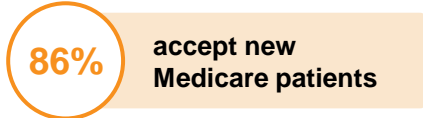




Family physicians are residency-trained, primary care specialists dedicated to treating the whole person. With a focus on prevention, primary care, and overall care coordination, family physicians provide a wide variety of clinical services, and, when necessary, refer their patients to a specialist, while continuing to advocate for that patient's care.

### Family Physicians in the U.S. Health Care System

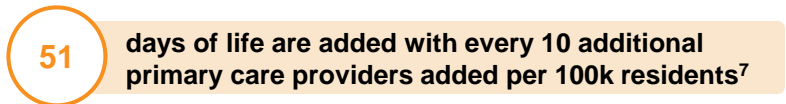
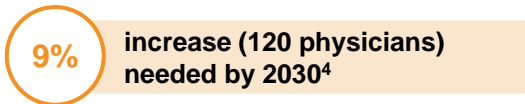
More Americans depend on family physicians than on any other medical specialty. AAFP members are the main source of primary health care for the Medicare population and see a large proportion of new Medicaid beneficiaries.<sup>1</sup>



### Family Physicians in *Maine*:

<b>1,189</b> Family Medicine/General Practice	<b>4</b> Family Medicine Residency Programs <sup>2</sup>	<b>0</b> Teaching Health Center Programs <sup>3</sup>
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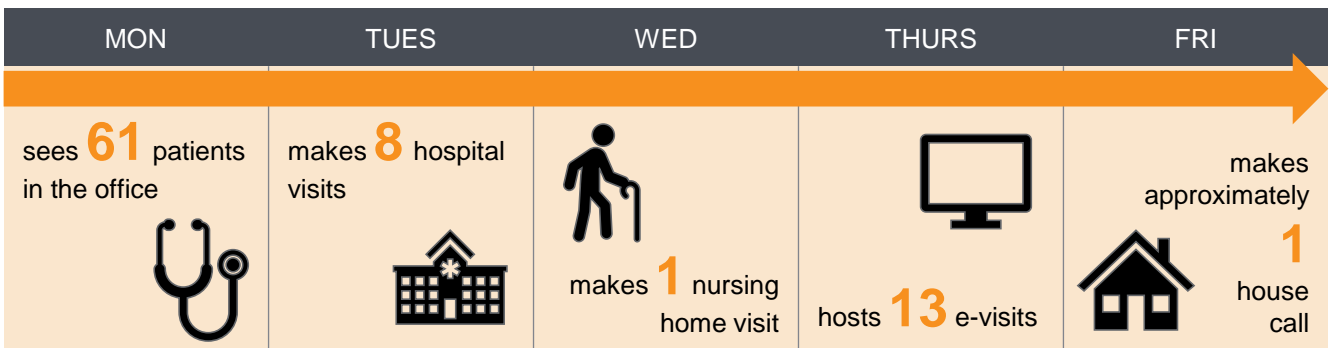
### Physician Shortage in *Maine*:



### Family Medicine's Contribution to the Economy<sup>8</sup>

<b>\$1.1 billion</b> In Direct and Indirect Economic Output	<b>7,841</b> of Jobs/Direct and Indirect Positions	<b>\$579 million</b> in Direct and Indirect Wages and Benefits
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### In a week, the average family physician has **84** total patient encounters<sup>9</sup>





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