

TABLE 1. REPORTED CHANGES IN PATIENT POPULATION SINCE JANUARY 2014

	Total		Physicians by practice setting		
	Physicians	Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants	Community health clinic	Hospital-owned practice	Private practice
Percent saying each of the following have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same since January 2014:					
The total number of patients you see					
Increased	44	54	48	47	44
Decreased	15	7	9	13	17
Stayed about the same	38	38	40	38	38
Not applicable	1	1	2	1	1
Not sure	1	<1	2	1	1
The number of patients you see who recently gained health insurance after being uninsured					
Increased	48	54	70	54	46
Decreased	4	3	1	6	4
Stayed about the same	28	23	15	23	31
Not applicable	7	8	5	5	7
Not sure	12	12	8	13	12
The number of patients you see who are chronically ill					
Increased	37	44	41	43	36
Decreased	2	1	0	1	2
Stayed about the same	57	51	53	52	59
Not applicable	2	2	5	1	1
Not sure	2	2	1	2	1

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

TABLE 2. REPORTED CHANGES IN MEDICAID PATIENT POPULATION SINCE JANUARY 2014 AMONG PROVIDERS IN MEDICAID EXPANSION STATES AND NONEXPANSION STATES

	Physicians			Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants		
	Total	Expansion state	Nonexpansion state	Total	Expansion state	Nonexpansion state
Among providers who accept Medicaid, percent saying the number of Medicaid patients they see has:						
Increased since Jan 2014	42	47	35	45	50	38
Decreased since Jan 2014	7	6	9	7	6	7
Stayed about the same	46	44	50	45	40	52
Other/Blank/NA	5	5	6	4	4	3

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

TABLE 3. CHANGES TO PRACTICE CAPACITY AMONG PROVIDERS SEEING MORE MEDICAID OR UNINSURED PATIENTS SINCE JANUARY 2014

	Total		Physicians		Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants	
	Physicians	Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants	Report increase in Medicaid or newly insured Patients	Report no increase in Medicaid or newly insured	Report Increase in Medicaid or newly insured Patients	Report no increase in Medicaid or newly insured
Percent of providers who report an increase in Medicaid or uninsured patients since January 2014	59%	64%	-	-	-	-
Percent who say each of the following has improved, stayed about the same, or gotten worse since January 2014:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ability to provide high-quality care to all patients						
Improved	20	19	23	16	21	15
About the same	59	63	55	65	60	68
Worse	20	18	21	18	19	16
Patient satisfaction and experiences with care						
Improved	18	22	19	16	22	21
About the same	61	63	59	64	62	64
Worse	18	13	20	16	13	12
Practice's ability to recruit and retain clinical staff						
Improved	9	7	10	7	8	5
About the same	45	50	45	44	49	51
Worse	35	34	36	34	33	35
Amount of time available to spend with each patient						
Improved	9	6	9	10	7	5
About the same	50	57	49	53	54	62
Worse	40	36	42	37	39	32
Amount of time spent on administrative issues related to insurance						
Improved	5	3	6	4	4	2
About the same	27	30	25	29	29	31
Worse	62	50	62	61	50	50

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

**TABLE 4. REPORTED ABILITY OF PATIENTS TO GET ACCESS TO
SAME- OR NEXT-DAY APPOINTMENTS BY PRACTICE SETTING AND
INCREASE IN MEDICAID OR NEWLY INSURED PATIENTS**

Proportion of patients who can get a same- or next-day appointment when requested	Almost all (>80%)	Most (60%-80%)	About half (about 50%)	Some (20%-40%)	Few (<20%)
Physicians (2006)*	50	27	10	6	5
Physicians (2009)*	44	26	11	9	7
Physicians (2012)*	47	23	11	8	6
Physicians (2015)	42	25	13	10	8
Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants (2015)	42	27	14	9	6
Physicians by practice setting (2015)					
Community health clinic	20	25	23	14	16
Hospital-owned	32	24	15	15	12
Private practice	47	25	11	8	6
Physicians by practice setting (2012)*					
Community health clinic	23	28	20	12	12
Hospital-owned	36	21	13	10	11
Private practice	57	24	9	5	3
Physicians by patient increases					
Increases in Medicaid or newly insured patients	36	26	13	12	10
No increase in Medicaid or newly insured	50	22	12	8	6
Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants by patient increases					
Increases in Medicaid or newly insured patients	41	27	14	10	7
No increase in Medicaid or newly insured	44	26	13	7	5

Sources: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers; and * Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Surveys 2006, 2009, 2012.

TABLE 5. PERCENT OF PROVIDERS ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS AND THOSE WITH MEDICAID BY SELECTED PROVIDER CHARACTERISTICS

	Percent accepting new patients	Percent accepting new Medicaid patients
Physicians overall (2015)	83	50
Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants overall	93	66
Physicians by practice setting		
Private practice	83	43
Hospital-owned	80	63
Community health clinic	92	92
Physicians by specialty		
Pediatricians	91	66
Non-pediatricians	81	45
Physicians by patient characteristics		
Mostly low-income patients	89	82
Not mostly low-income patients	82	42
>10% non-English-speaking patients	92	74
<10% non-English-speaking patients	81	44
Physicians by state		
Medicaid expansion	82	50
Not Medicaid expansion	85	51
Physicians by age		
<45	89	57
45-54	82	49
55+	80	47
Physicians by race		
White	80	46
Asian	89	53
Black/Hispanic/other	93	68

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

**TABLE 6. PROVIDER OPINION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
BY POLITICAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION**

	Physicians				Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants			
	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans	Total	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Overall, what is your opinion of the health care law that was passed in 2010, also known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare?								
Very favorable	13	36	7	1	15	39	6	1
Somewhat favorable	35	51	35	12	34	48	44	19
Somewhat unfavorable	26	9	24	40	28	10	33	39
Very unfavorable	26	3	34	47	23	3	16	40

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

**TABLE 7. PROVIDER OPINION OF MEDICAID EXPANSION BY SHARE OF MEDICAID PATIENTS
AND STATE MEDICAID EXPANSION STATUS**

	Total MDs	Total NP/PA	Physicians				Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants			
			20%+ Medicaid patients	<20% Medicaid patients	Expansion state	Nonexp. state	20%+ Medicaid patients	<20% Medicaid patients	Expansion state	Nonexp. state
			Positive	36	39	48	27	40	30	45
Negative	23	21	21	25	23	24	18	24	17	24
No impact	14	13	10	17	12	17	13	13	12	14
Not sure	26	26	20	29	23	28	23	30	25	27

Source: The Kaiser Family Foundation/Commonwealth Fund 2015 National Survey of Primary Care Providers.

TABLE 8. PROVIDER VIEWS ON THE IMPACT OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT BY POLITICAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION

		Total			Physicians			Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants		
		MD	NP/PA	Dem	Ind	Rep	Dem	Ind	Rep	
Percent who say the Affordable Care Act has had a positive impact, negative impact, or no impact on each of the following:										
Your medical practice overall	Positive impact	23	27	44	18	8	42	21	17	
	Negative impact	36	30	15	37	57	12	32	42	
	No impact	31	30	30	36	28	34	33	29	
	Not sure	9	12	10	8	6	12	14	11	
The quality of care your patients receive	Positive impact	18	21	30	14	7	41	16	9	
	Negative impact	25	21	9	26	38	5	25	29	
	No impact	50	49	53	53	49	43	52	53	
	Not sure	6	8	6	4	4	10	6	6	
The ability of your practice to meet patient demand	Positive impact	10	16	17	8	4	30	8	11	
	Negative impact	35	35	22	36	49	21	42	41	
	No impact	44	38	49	47	40	36	36	39	
	Not sure	10	10	11	7	7	11	13	8	
The cost of health care for your patients	Positive impact	21	26	42	17	7	42	27	15	
	Negative impact	44	38	20	45	66	22	34	50	
	No impact	17	15	19	19	13	14	16	16	
	Not sure	16	19	17	16	11	22	21	15	
Access to health care and insurance in the country overall	Positive impact	48	51	77	42	30	78	52	33	
	Negative impact	24	23	7	26	41	8	22	31	
	No impact	12	11	6	15	15	6	5	20	
	Not sure	14	14	8	14	12	8	20	15	
Do you feel you have enough information about the Affordable Care Act to understand how it is affecting your medical practice?										
Yes		50	45	50	53	55	42	38	49	
No		48	54	48	45	44	58	61	48	
Don't know		<1	<1	2	2	2	0	1	4	

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TABLE 9. PROVIDER SATISFACTION BY POLITICAL PARTY IDENTIFICATION AND BY SHARE OF MEDICAID PATIENTS AND STATE MEDICAID EXPANSION STATUS

How satisfied are you with your medical practice overall?					
	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	
Physicians	35	48	13	4	
Nurse practitioners/ Physician assistants	55	38	5	1	
Physicians by party identification					
Democrat	35	50	11	3	
Independent	33	48	14	4	
Republican	35	47	13	4	
Physicians by share of Medicaid patients					
<20% Medicaid patients	35	48	13	4	
20%+ Medicaid patients	35	49	13	4	
Physicians by Medicaid expansion status					
Expansion state	33	50	14	3	
Nonexpansion state	37	47	11	5	
Given what you know about the state of health care, would you advise a qualified high school or college student to pursue a career in primary care?					
	Definitely would	Probably would	Probably would not	Definitely would not	Not sure
Physicians	15	30	32	17	5
Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants	49	36	9	2	3
Physicians by party identification					
Democrat	21	35	29	9	6
Independent	13	27	29	26	5
Republican	10	29	37	20	5
Nurse practitioners/Physician assistants by party identification					
Democrat	49	39	6	2	3
Independent	36	42	14	3	4
Republican	56	32	8	<1	3

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TABLE 10. AWARENESS OF MEDICARE EXPANSION STATUS AND MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PAYMENT INCREASES PROVIDED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

	Total physicians (%)	Total nurse practitioners/ physician assistants (%)
As you may know, the Affordable Care Act gives states the option of expanding their Medicaid program to cover more low-income uninsured adults. As far as you know, has your state expanded its Medicaid program, or not?		
Accurately reported their state's Medicaid expansion status	59	55
Did not accurately report their state's Medicaid expansion status or did not know	41	45
Among those in Medicaid expansion states		
Accurately reported their state's Medicaid expansion status	62	62
Did not accurately report their state's Medicaid expansion status or did not know	38	38
Among those in nonexpansion states		
Accurately reported their state's Medicaid expansion status	54	46
Did not accurately report their state's Medicaid expansion status or did not know	46	53
Were you aware of the 10% increase in Medicare payments to certain primary care providers from 2011 through 2015, provided for by the Affordable Care Act? (base: total who accept Medicare)		
Yes, aware of increase and received bump	25	9
Yes, aware of increase but did not receive bump	25	17
No, was not aware of increase	49	73
Has this Medicare payment bump made a difference in your ability to serve your Medicare patients? (base: aware of and received bump)		
Big difference	5	*
Small difference	37	*
No difference	48	*
Not sure	7	*
Were you aware of the temporary increase in Medicaid payments for primary care to match Medicare rates beginning in 2013? (base: total who accept Medicaid)		
Yes, aware of increase and received bump	31	10
Yes, aware of increase but did not receive bump	21	15
No, was not aware of increase	47	73
Has this Medicaid payment bump made a difference in your willingness to see Medicaid patients? (base: aware of and received bump)		
Big difference	22	*
Small difference	30	*
No difference	41	*
Not sure	6	*

* Sample size too small to analyze.

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