YOU ARE INVITED TO A

CALIFORNIA HEALTH POLICY Roundtable

ASSESSING THE STATUS OF CALIFORNIA’S PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE: SHORTAGE OR SURPLUS?

Wednesday, October 24, 2001, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Governor’s Council Room, State Capitol - Sacramento, California

According to the American Medical Association (AMA), there were 92,985 nonfederal physicians in California in 1999 (the most recent year for which data are available), which means that there were 280 physicians per 100,000 people in California (compared to 285 per 100,000 in the United States). This overall ratio masks significant variation in the geographic, demographic, and specialty distribution of physicians. Two recent reports analyzing the adequacy of California’s physician supply, one by the California Medical Association (CMA) and the other by the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), presented some consistent results but also came to somewhat contradictory conclusions about the current and future status of California’s physician workforce.

This Roundtable will explore these recent analyses, as well as the issues that affect the state’s physician workforce. Among the questions to be addressed at the Roundtable are:

♦ What is the profile of California’s physician workforce?
♦ Is there a surplus or shortage of physicians in California, and what is likely to happen in the future?
♦ What factors affect the supply of and demand for physicians in the state?
♦ Are certain groups or geographic areas facing greater problems than others?
♦ How does the California experience compare to the rest of the nation?
♦ What can policymakers do to influence the state’s physician supply?

Seating at this Roundtable is limited. Please use the enclosed fax-back form to RSVP by October 22. If you do not have a form, call 510-643-1675.

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