Medicare For All And The Future Of
The Health Care Workforce

The Partnership for America's Health Care Future and FTI Consulting examined the impact Medicare for All would have on the future of the American health care workforce with the release of an issue brief, "Medicare for All and the Future of America's Healthcare Workforce."

The issue brief found Medicare for All could lead to fewer doctors and nurses entering the workforce, hurting patient access to high-quality care across the country. Specifically, Medicare for All could lead to a 16 percent cut to spending on patient care provided by doctors.

Some of the key findings include:

- Medicare for All, when fully implemented, could result in a nationwide loss of 44,693 physicians by 2050 relative to current projections.

- By 2050, urban and rural areas alike could see a decrease of 5.4 percent in the supply of physicians.

- The impact of Medicare for All on the primary care workforce would be particularly acute, resulting in a loss of 10,286 primary care physicians by 2050.

- Shifting the entire U.S. population to Medicare would result in an estimated 16 percent cut to spending on patient care provided by physicians.

- Medicare for All's reimbursement cuts would result in 90 percent of hospitals across the country running consistent deficits, increasing the risk of hospital closures nationwide and negatively impacting the health care workforce.

- The nursing workforce, already projected to reach shortage levels in seven states by 2030, could see a reduction of 1.2 million nationally by 2050 under Medicare for All.

Medicare for All would eliminate our current health care system and could lead to doctor and nursing shortages for all Americans. With a growing body of research highlighting the dangers of one-size-fits-all government-controlled health insurance programs, it is clear Medicare for All would force Americans to pay more to wait longer for worse care. A link to the issue brief can be found here, and a link to all of the Partnership's resources can be found here.