California and Michigan: Recent Physician Workforce Assessments

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Overview of Presentation

- National physician supply and demand
- State-level concerns
- California and Michigan physician supply and demand forecasts
- Resulting policy actions/recommendations



National Physician Supply and Demand

- 1945 1970s: Concern with physician shortages; federal policies to stimulate increased supply
- 1980 2000: Concern with potential surpluses and primary care/specialist mix; federal guidelines and encouragement to limit growth
- 2000 present: Growing concern with potential future shortages



COGME 16th Report

- January 2005
- Forecast shortage of physicians between 85,000 and 96,000 in 2020
- Recommended increase of 3,000 new medical school positions



Limitations of COGME's 16th Report

- Lack of attention to specialty-specific variations in supply and demand
- Lack of attention to regional variations in supply and demand



State-level Concerns

- California
 - University of California begins an assessment of its health professions programs
 - Had formalized the 1990s policy recommendations of the COGME
 - Unique in its health care delivery system and its population characteristics



State-level Concerns

- Michigan
 - Blue Ribbon Committee on Physician Workforce forms in 2004
 - Sought to understand how the forecasts from COGME's 16th report might affect Michigan
 - Wide-ranging slate of stakeholders





California and Michigan Statistics

	California		Michigan	
	2000	2015	2002	2020
Population	34,653,395	42,370,899	10,207,421	10,695,993
% Over 65	10%	12%	12%	16%
% White, non-Hispanic	50%	42%	78%	75%
% African- American, non-Hispanic	7%	6%	14%	15%
% Asian- American	12%	14%	2%	5%
% Hispanic	31%	37%	4%	6%
% Uninsured	19%	N/A	11%	N/A

Sources: US Census Bureau, California Department of Finance, Woods & Poole Economics



Physician Workforce Forecasting

- Similar approaches
- Existing models
 - Adapted national level models
 - PSM, PDM
- Multiple scenarios
 - System-level changes
 - Practitioner-level changes



Supply Forecasting

- Multiple scenarios
 - 1. Baseline
 - 2. Reduced work hours
 - 3. Increased productivity
 - 4. Reduced work hours/Increased productivity



Selected Supply Model Parameters

	California	Michigan
Annual Entrants	1,900	923
Annual Net Migration	900	-430
Separation Rate	1.4%	1.5%



Demand Forecasting

- Multiple scenarios
 - 1. Baseline
 - 2. State economy grows
 - 3. Unnecessary services removed from Baseline
 - 4. Unnecessary services removed from Scen. 2
- Insurance environment
 - 1. Constant insurance environment
 - 2. Expanded insurance environment



California Physician Supply and Demandin 2015Constant Insurance Environment

FTE Physician Demand per 100,000 Pop

1	2	3	4	
258.3	282.8	245.4	268.7	

Supply Scenarios	FTE Physician Supply per 100,000 Pop	Comparison of supply and demand [(Supply-Demand)/Demand]*100 Negative values denote shortages.			demand nd]*100 ortages.
1	253.6	-1.8%	-10.3%	3.3%	-5.6%
2	238.4	-7.7%	-15.7%	-2.9%	-11.3%
3	266.7	3.2%	-5.7%	8.7%	-0.7%
4	249.9	-3.2%	-11.6%	1.8%	-7.0%



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Michigan Physician Supply and Demandin 2020Constant Insurance Environment

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316.8	354.4	229.7	256.9

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1	312.8	-1.3%	-11.7%	36.2%	21.8%
2	297.2	-6.2%	-16.1%	29.4%	15.7%
3	344.1	8.6%	-2.9%	49.8%	33.9%
4	328.5	3.7%	-7.3%	43.0%	27.9%



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Responses to the Assessments

- California
 - University of CA Health Sciences Committee issued a report summarizing all of the workforce assessments
 - For medicine, the report recommended:
 - Increase enrollment 10% by 2008 (about 265 slots)
 - Increase residency training program enrollment by 15-20% immediately
 - Assess the feasibility of developing a new medical school before 2020



Responses to the Assessment

- Michigan
 - Blue Ribbon Committee is currently reviewing the forecasts
 - The committee has initiated a number of meetings with the state's representatives in Congress and officials in the state government
 - Working recommendations include the expansion of graduate medical education opportunities and funding in the state
 - Recognition that strategies and programs to retain physicians trained in the state need to be developed and strengthened

