

**Addressing the Healthcare  
Workforce Shortage in California**

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**Main Topics: Healthcare workforce/Disparities**

- One of the major shortfalls we see right now in California is the shortage in the healthcare workforce.
- California ranks 32nd in the number of primary care residents and fellows per 100,000 population.
- Six of nine California regions are facing a primary care shortage.
- Communities of color are disproportionately impacted by chronic diseases; yet many of our communities of color are unable to access proper health care due to language barriers, and lack of cultural competency, as well as policy barriers.
- Looking at all the statistics and hearing what our community members are experiencing in their lives, we need to recognize that there is a need to close the health gap for ethnic minorities by strengthening the collaboration between diverse physicians and community-based organizations.
- We cannot allow for these disparities to continue impacting the health of our community members.