

**Submitter :** Dr. Philip Goodwin  
**Organization :** Palm Coast Internal Medicine  
**Category :** Physician

**Date:** 06/29/2006

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Please increase RVU values for the work Primay Care Physicians do everyday My three sons are discouraged from going into medicine due to the devaluation of the work This will help with the doctor shortage and the discouragement of physicians to continue in practice 47% of Medical School Faculty no longer reccommend medicine as a profession

**Submitter :** Dr. Jose Mandry  
**Organization :** Dr. Jose Mandry  
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Sincerely,  
Kevin O'Brien, MD, FACP

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**Organization :** Cleveland Clinic Florida  
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**Submitter :** Dr. Kenneth Calamia

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**Organization :** Natalia Keyser, MD, PA  
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I left private practice in Florida 3 years ago because working 60-80 hours/week I still earned less than I had working 40 hours/week 10 years prior to that in a new practice. The cost of malpractice insurance in Florida is the same for infectious disease physicians as for surgeons (most of whom no longer carry insurance), but insurance reimbursement and medicare reimburse surgical specialties at a rate 2-3 times higher. A fair market does not exist as payments are controlled by outside forces, leading many of my physician friends to leave medicine. The Florida legislature is building more medical schools to address a physician shortage in the state, and all the medicine trainees I speak to plan to leave the state. My parents cannot get a physician appointment within a week of an urgent request, and this is in the Broward County suburbs! If the payors don't respond to the plummeting payment of physicians facing skyrocketing practice costs, there will be no physicians left. In the meantime, no one sees that our overcrowded ERs are directly linked to the lack of internists still in practice.



**Submitter :** Mr. Michael A Zimmer  
**Organization :** Mr. Michael A Zimmer  
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**Submitter :** Dr. Robert Karl  
**Organization :** Cardiology Services P.A.  
**Category :** Physician

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**Organization :** Medical Associates of West Florida  
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It has been a long time since there has been a rate increase to physicians with overhead cost continually going up

**Submitter :** Ms. Ann Duskin  
**Organization :** FLACP  
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**Organization : The Kidney Group**

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As I see it this is an issue of fairness to our patients and physicians alike. Our health care system is in need of constructive change but this could only be accomplished through a partnership between government, professional medical organizations, patient advocacy groups and the private sector. Let's keep in sight that any meaningful and successful social change starts by addressing the needs of the people and those who are committed to serving them.

Health Care is a business, an ever present fact of reality even for those of us who work on the trenches CARING for people. I have to run a business so I can continue to provide the kind of care that our patients deserve. Restoring fairness to the payment system and Medicare Physician Fee Schedule would go a long way towards securing a strong commitment from the medical community to bring about constructive change to the Health Care System to benefit our society. Remember, sooner or later WE WILL ALL BE PATIENTS.

**Submitter :** Dr. A. Ruben Caride

**Date:** 06/29/2006

**Organization :** ACP

**Category :** Health Care Provider/Association

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4 week wait for a new appointment, over crowded emergency rooms, 2 hours in physician's waiting room, 5 minutes with the doctor. A baby boomer generation that is getting older and the supply of primary care doctors dwindling. Save Primary Care!

**Submitter :** Dr. Sally Houston  
**Organization :** Dr. Sally Houston  
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**Organization :** Cornerstone Medical Care of Brandon  
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