



**NJAFP 2024 Resolution # 5**  
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**Keeping Physician Trainees in NJ**

- 1 **Whereas:** the United Health Foundation’s (UHF) America’s Health Rankings 2023 Annual  
2 Report indicates that New Jersey ranks 49th in the nation for access to primary care providers,  
3 with a rate of 181 providers per 100,000 people, significantly below the national rate of 232, and  
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5 **Whereas:** the report highlights the critical challenge of a low number of primary care physicians  
6 in the Garden State, and  
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8 **Whereas:** the article "Primary care saves lives. Here’s why it’s failing Americans" by Frances  
9 Stead Sellers, published on October 17, 2023, underscores the vital role of primary care in  
10 improving health outcomes and saving lives, and  
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12 **Whereas:** the lack of adequate primary care access can lead to delayed diagnoses, uncoordinated  
13 care, and increased healthcare costs, and  
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15 **Whereas:** there is a need to incentivize family medicine physician trainees to stay, practice, and  
16 contribute to the healthcare landscape in New Jersey, and  
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18 **Whereas:** increasing residency training positions in family medicine in New Jersey can help  
19 address this critical shortage and improve access to primary care, and  
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21 **Whereas:** these actions are crucial to improving access to primary care, enhancing the quality of  
22 healthcare, and ultimately saving lives in the Garden State, now therefore be it  
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24 **RESOLVED:** that the NJAFP advocate with state and federal legislative bodies to develop and  
25 implement strategies to incentivize family medicine physician trainees to stay and practice in  
26 New Jersey, and be it further  
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28 **RESOLVED:** that the NJAFP promote and allocate funding for additional residency training  
29 positions in family medicine in New Jersey