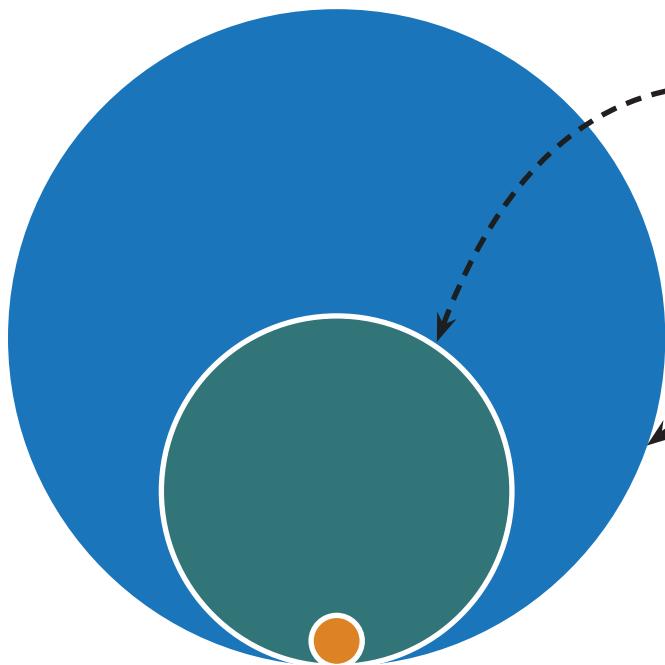


STRENGTHENING PRIMARY CARE



*Current impact of
primary care vs.
primary care spending*

**However, primary care accounts for only
5-7% of total health care spending,**

as reflected in dollars invested, types of services rendered, organizational prioritization, and funding for residency training programs. High-quality primary care is associated with better health outcomes, more health equity, and lower costs.^{2,3}

*"Primary care accounts for
48%
of provider office visits
each year and influences up to
90%
of total health care costs
through referrals, testing,
procedures, and hospitalizations."*

– Primary Care Collaborative¹

POLICY OPTIONS

INVEST IN PRIMARY CARE

- **Measure and report primary care spending.** Understand current utilization and spending trends using the All Payers Claims Database to inform future strategy development on spending targets and broader health care cost reduction strategies.
- **Set a target for Medicaid primary care spending.** Increase primary care spending for Texas Medicaid and track the impact on costs, outcomes, and equity.

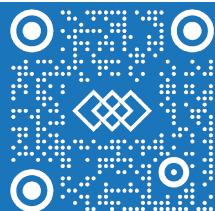
STRENGTHEN THE PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE

- **Increase funds for medical and nursing education.** Per the 2015 Texas State Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report by the Legislative Budget Board, increased funding will help to meet the health care needs of Texas.⁴

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