America’s Aging Crisis: HOW IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN STRENGTHEN THE U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

**AGING SENIORS ARE INCREASING DEMAND FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

**IN UNDER 10 YEARS, AMERICA WILL FACE A PROJECTED SHORTAGE OF NEARLY 100,000 DOCTORS**

Due in part to growing demand for health care and personal care services, the number of jobs for Americans in key occupations, like doctors and home health aides, will far outpace the supply of workers in these fields.

**IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN HELP PROVIDE MORE WORKERS IN FAST-GROWING OCCUPATIONS**

**IMMIGRANTS ARE OVERREPRESENTED IN DIRECT CARE WORKER OCCUPATIONS**

Despite representing just 12.9% of the total population, immigrants make up approximately one quarter of workers in certain key, fast-growing occupations.

**IMMIGRANTS ARE NEARLY TWICE AS LIKELY TO WORK AS PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

**IMMIGRANTS ARE ALSO NEARLY TWICE AS LIKELY TO WORK AS HOME HEALTH AIDES**

Immigrants complement the U.S.-born workforce in key areas when it comes to treating and caring for aging Americans. Passing immigration reform can help America attract and retain additional workers in these critical fields and ensure that our workforce meets the needs of our aging population and our economy.

**Projected supply and demand, physicians, 2008-2020 (all specialties)**

**Projected growth in direct care jobs, 2012-2022 (thousands)**

### Sources:
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