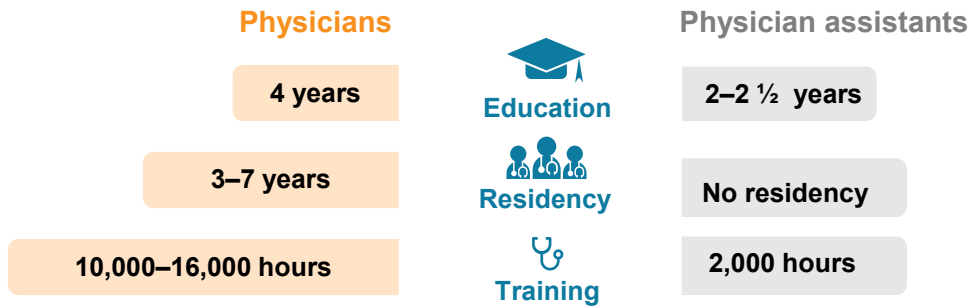


Protect access to physician-led care

Patients are concerned about the cost and quality of health care. While there is certainly room for improvement in the health care system, allowing non-physicians, including physician assistants, to diagnose and treat patients without any physician oversight is a step in the wrong direction. **The best way to support high-quality care and lower costs is to keep physicians as the leader of the health care team.**

PHYSICIANS ARE TRAINED TO LEAD

With the highest level of education and clinical training



SCOPE EXPANSION INCREASES COSTS

X-ray ordering increased **441%** among non-physicians


Non-physicians needed **2x** the number of biopsies to screen for skin cancer

Patients were **15%** more likely to receive an antibiotic from a non-physician

8.4% of physician assistants prescribed opioids to over half of their patients compared to **1.3%** of physicians

According to a leading ACO, patients with non-physician primary care providers had **\$43** higher spending per member per month compared to those who had a physician, which could translate to **\$10.3M** more in annual spending.

PATIENTS PREFER PHYSICIAN-LED CARE

 **91%** say a physician's education and training are vital for optimal care



3/4 say they would wait longer and pay more to be treated by a physician



95% say it's important for a physician to be involved in their diagnosis and treatment

Healthcare teams working together—with physicians in the lead—is critical to having the best and safest outcomes for patients.

All patients, regardless of ZIP code, deserve care led by a physician.