

# AMA: new mapping tool IDs areas in need of physicians

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(HealthDay)—A new interactive mapping tool can help physicians and their staff determine locations to establish or expand their practice, according to a report published by the American Medical Association (AMA).

The AMA Health Workforce Mapper provides a map view of layered geographic information, [health data](#), and practice locations of physicians and other [health care providers](#). The map shows areas of greatest need, based on the ratio of patients to [health care professionals](#). Non-AMA members can access a reduced view of the tool which does not include physician data.

The tool can be used to identify areas for practice establishment or expansion; create and display ratios of physicians to population; map the practice locations of physicians and other health care providers; compare

across multiple physician specialty types; identify areas of shortages; and view geographic features.

"The tool helps AMA members make wise practice decisions and meet pressing patient access needs by giving a map view of layered [geographic information](#), health data, and practice locations of physicians and other health care providers—down to medical specialty and practice type," according to the report.

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