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## Quick Facts & Stats

### Impending Healthcare Crisis

The number of older adults with complex health needs increasingly outpaces the number of healthcare providers with the knowledge and skills to adequately care for them. As baby boomers turn 65 and older, the healthcare system must undergo fundamental change and seek greater financial resources to ensure that seniors can receive the high-quality care they need. According to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) *Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Workforce*, a report on a 15-month consensus study, the nation is currently not prepared to meet the social and healthcare needs of this population.

**2011**

The year that the 78-million-member boomer generation begins turning 65.

**25**

Year span in which the number of older adults in the US will nearly double from 12% of the population in 2005 to almost 20% in 2030.

**75%**

Of adults over age 65 suffer from at least 1 chronic medical condition.

**20%**

Of current Medicare beneficiaries have 5 or more chronic conditions.

#### Key Findings of the IOM Study

We need bold initiatives designed to:

- Boost recruitment and retention of geriatric specialists and healthcare aides by paying higher salaries and wages.
- Widen the duties and responsibilities of workers at various levels of training.
- Develop new payment mechanisms for providers (including members of interdisciplinary care teams) to deliver care to older adults more effectively.
- Provide training programs that teach older adults to manage their own health and teach caregivers skills to provide care to their loved ones and alleviate the stress they may feel from providing this care.

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