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Primer on Allied Health Professions

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America has a growing need for allied health providers (non-physicians) due to the aging population of baby boomers, growth in the insured population as a result of the new health care reform law, an aging health care work force and the soaring cost of health care. The need for allied health providers is especially apparent in the field of primary care, which can be administered in hospitals, family practices and minute clinics. Americans receive most of their health care from primary care providers.