

Health Equity Provisions in the Health Reform Law

- Grants for workforce, prevention, quality, and research
- Quality measures development
- Prevention and wellness initiatives
- Research opportunities focused on health disparities
- Commissions and advisory groups opportunities
- Strengthening existing programs and creating new ones
- Infrastructure development
- Increasing diversity and cultural/linguistic competence

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Office of Minority Health and National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities	Minority Health	Sec. 10334	Elevates the Office of Minority Health to the Office of the Secretary at HHS, and establishes several offices of minority health in various agencies. It re-designates the National Center of Minority Health & Health Disparities at NIH to the National Institute on Minority Health & Health Disparities. Strengthens improvement of minority health and the quality of healthcare minorities receive, and eliminates racial and ethnic disparities.	FY2011 – FY2016 Authorizes SSAN (Discretionary Funding)*	Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Women’s Health	Improving Women’s Health	Sec. 3509	Establishes an Office of Women’s Health in the Office of the Secretary, the CDC, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the FDA.	FY2010 – FY2014 Authorizes SSAN (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Data Collection and Reporting	Understanding Health Disparities: Data Collection and Analysis	Sec. 4302	Improves federal data collection efforts by ensuring that federal health care programs collect and report data on race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability status.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 to FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Community Health Centers	Community Health Centers	Sec. 2303 <i>(Reconciliation)</i> Sec. 10503	\$11B in new dedicated funding over the period FY2011 to FY2015. \$9.5B for operations and \$1.5B for construction. The CHC Trust Fund is in addition to existing discretionary funding. Operation funding amounts were changed in reconciliation. However, construction amount remained same as in base text.	FY2011 - \$1,000,000,000 FY2012 - \$1,200,000,000 FY2013 - \$1,500,000,000 FY2014 - \$2,200,000,000 FY2015 - \$3,600,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)**	Department of Health and Human Services

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Quality Improvements	National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Healthcare	Sec. 3011	Establishes a national strategy to improve delivery of healthcare services, patient health outcomes, and population health. The Secretary shall ensure that priorities will: have the greatest potential for improving the health outcomes, efficiency, and patient-centeredness of healthcare for all populations; identify areas in the delivery of healthcare services that have potential for rapid improvement in the quality and efficiency of patient care; address gaps in quality, efficiency, comparative effectiveness information, and health outcome measures and data aggregation techniques; improve Federal payment policy to emphasize quality and efficiency; enhance the use of healthcare data; address high-cost chronic diseases; improve research and dissemination of strategies and best practices to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors, preventable admissions and readmissions, and healthcare associated infections; and, reduce health disparities.	FY2011 Budget Neutral Updated Annually	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in conjunction with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Quality Improvements	Technical Assistance and Implementation	Sec. 3501	Awards grants or contracts to eligible entities to provide technical support to institutions that deliver healthcare. Appropriates a total of \$20,000,000 over period FY2010- FY2014. Must have matching fund equal to \$1 for each \$5.	Appropriates a total of \$20,000,000 over the period FY2010- FY2014. (Discretionary Funding)	Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Quality Improvements	Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs	Sec. 2951	To strengthen and improve maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting programs for families who reside in at risk communities. Appropriates a total of \$1.5B over the	FY2010 - \$100,000,000 FY2011 - \$250,000,000 FY2012 - \$350,000,000 FY2013 - \$400,000,000 FY2014 - \$400,000,000	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process:

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			<p>period FY2010 to FY2014.</p>	<p>(Mandatory Funding)</p>	<p>Eligible entities must submit applications to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Health Resources Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services that include certain information and assurances set forth in the Act.</p>
<p>Quality Improvements</p>	<p>Quality Measure Development</p>	<p>Sec. 3013</p>	<p>Identifies gaps where quality is not measured, or current measures need improvement, update, or expansion.</p> <p>Appropriates a total of \$375,000,000 over the period FY2010 to FY2014.</p>	<p>FY2010 - \$75,000,000 FY2011 - \$75,000,000 FY2012 - \$75,000,000 FY2013 - \$75,000,000 FY2014 - \$75,000,000</p> <p>(Mandatory Funding)</p>	<p>Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Application Process: Submit an application at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.</p>
<p>Quality Improvements</p>	<p>Establishing Health Teams to Support the Patient-Centered Medical Home</p>	<p>Sec. 3502</p>	<p>Establishes Health Teams that will collaborate with primary care providers on quality-driven, cost-effective, culturally appropriate, and patient- and family-centered healthcare.</p>	<p>Authorizes SSAN for FY2011 – FY2014</p> <p>(Discretionary Funding)</p>	<p>Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require. Must also submit a plan for incorporating prevention initiatives, patient education, and care management.</p>

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Quality Improvements	Programs to Facilitate Shared Decision-Making	Sec. 3506	Establishes a program to facilitate collaboration between patients and caregivers that engage the patient in decision-making by providing the patient with information regarding treatment options, patient preferences and values into the medical plan.	Authorizes SSAN necessary for FY2010 and each subsequent fiscal year (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Comparative Effectiveness	Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute	Sec. 6301	Establishes the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to assist patients and healthcare professionals in making informed health decisions.	Savings of \$0.3 billion over 10 years. (Mandatory Funding)	Office of Communications and Knowledge Transfer of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Prevention	Personal Responsibility Education	Sec. 2953	Provides support for programs to educate adolescents on the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Entities targeting services to high-risk, vulnerable, and culturally underrepresented youth populations are given priority for funding. Appropriates a total of \$375,000,000 over the period FY2010 to FY2014.	FY2010 - \$75,000,000 FY2011 - \$75,000,000 FY2012 - \$75,000,000 FY2013 - \$75,000,000 FY2014 - \$75,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall solicit applications in an unspecified manner.
Prevention	School Based Health Centers (<i>construction</i>)	Sec. 4101 (a)	Creates a grant program for the establishment of SBHCs. Grant funds would be used <u>only for construction and equipment</u> . Requires Secretary to give preference to facilities that serve a large population of children eligible for the Medicaid and CHIP programs. Additional Funding for operating SBHCs are discretionary.	FY2010 - \$50,000,000 FY2011 - \$50,000,000 FY2012 - \$50,000,000 FY2013 - \$50,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may

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			Appropriates a total of \$200M over the period FY2010 to FY2013.		require, including at a minimum, an assurance that funds awarded under the grant will not be used to provide any service that is not authorized or allowed under federal, state, or local law.
Prevention	School Based Health Centers <i>(operations)</i>	Sec. 4101 (b)	Creates a grant program for the establishment of SBHCs. Funds can be used for both operations and construction. Authorizes Secretary to give preference to applicants who demonstrate ability to serve communities with specified barriers to access.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010-FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time and in such manner, containing certain specified evidence and assurances as well as any other information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.
Prevention	Funding for Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project	Sec. 4306	Develops a comprehensive model for reducing childhood obesity. Appropriates a total of \$125,000,000 over the period FY2010 to FY2014.	FY2010 - \$25,000,000 FY2011 - \$25,000,000 FY2012 - \$25,000,000 FY2013 - \$25,000,000 FY2014 - \$25,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Prevention	Diagnosed with Breast Cancer	Sec. 10413	Education campaign to increase awareness of women's knowledge regarding breast health and awareness. Appropriates a total of \$45,000,000 over the period FY 2010 to FY 2014.	FY2010 - \$9,000,000 FY2011 - \$9,000,000 FY2012 - \$9,000,000 FY2013 - \$9,000,000 FY2014 - \$9,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.

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Prevention	Preventative Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program	Sec. 10501 (m)	Grants awarded to eligible entities to train graduate medical residents in preventive medicine specialties.	FY2011 - \$43,000,000 Authorizes SSAN for FY2012 to FY2015 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Prevention	Community Prevention and Public Health Fund	Sec. 4002	Establishes a Prevention and Public Health Investment Fund to provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs. Total of \$15B for FY 2010-2019 (program authorized in perpetuity).	FY2010 - \$500,000,000 FY2011 - \$750,000,000 FY2012 - \$1,000,000,000 FY2013 - \$1,250,000,000 FY2014 - \$1,500,000,000 FY2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, \$2,000,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Prevention	Clinical and Community Preventive Services Task Force	Sec. 4003	Establishes an independent Preventive Services Task Force to conduct rigorous, systematic reviews of existing science and recommend the adoption of proven and effective services. Topic areas for review will include those related to specific age groups and health disparities among sub-populations and age groups.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 onward (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Prevention	Education and Outreach Campaign Regarding Preventive Benefits	Sec. 4004	Provides for the planning and implementation of a national public-private partnership for a prevention and health promotion outreach and education campaign to raise awareness of health improvement.	FY2011 to FY2017 Authorizes SSAN, not to exceed \$500,000,000 on outreach campaign (Discretionary Funding)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Prevention	Oral Healthcare Prevention Activities	Sec. 4102	Establishes an Oral Healthcare Prevention Education Campaign with targeted activities for special populations conducted in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. These populations include racial and ethnic minorities and individuals with disabilities.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 - FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at

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Prevention	Community Transformation Grants	Sec. 4201	Provides grants to State and local governmental agencies and community-based organizations for evidence-based community preventive health activities to achieve a number of goals, including reducing health disparities.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 – FY2014 (Discretionary Funding) Although funds may be used from the Public Health Fund, which has mandatory funding.	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such a manner, and containing such information as the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention may require, including a description of the program to be carried out under the grant.
Prevention	National Diabetes Prevention Program	Sec. 10501 (g)	Establishes a national diabetes prevention program targeted at adults at high risk for diabetes.	Authorizes SSAN from FY2011 onward (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Medicare Provisions for Low-Income Beneficiaries	Funding Outreach and Assistance for Low-Income Programs	Sec. 3306	Provides a total of \$45,000,000 over FY2010 to FY2012 for outreach and education to State Health Insurance Programs, Administration on Aging, Aging Disabilities Resource Centers and the National Benefits Outreach and Enrollment.	(A) \$15,000,000 to State Health Insurance Programs; (B) \$15,000,000 to Area Agencies on Aging; (C) \$10,000,000 to Aging and Disabilities Resource Centers; and	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.

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				(D) \$5,000,000 to National Center for Benefits and Outreach Enrollment (Mandatory Funding)	
Readmissions	Community-Based Care Transitions Teams	Sec. 3026	Provide funding to hospitals and community-based entities that render evidence-based care transition services to Medicare beneficiaries at high risk for readmission.	FY2011 - \$500,000,000 FY2012 - \$500,000,000 FY2013 - \$500,000,000 FY2014 - \$500,000,000 FY2015 - \$500,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Application Process: An eligible entity shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.
Workforce	State Healthcare Workforce Development Grants	Sec. 5102	Grants will support innovative approaches to increase the number of skilled healthcare workers.	FY2010 – FY2015 \$158,000,000 and SSAN for subsequent fiscal years (Discretionary Funding)	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time and in such manner and accompanied by such information that the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration shall require, including certain specified information.

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Workforce	Funding for National Health Services Corps	Sec. 5207 Sec. 10503	Increases and extends the authorization of appropriations for the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment program for fiscal years 2010-2015. \$1.5 billion in new, dedicated funding for the National Health Service Corps. The National Health Service Corps Trust Fund is in addition to existing discretionary funding.	FY2011 - \$290,000,000 FY2012 - \$295,000,000 FY2013 - \$300,000,000 FY2014 - \$305,000,000 FY2015 - \$310,000,000 (Mandatory Funding)	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services
Workforce	Primary Care Training and Enhancement	Sec. 5301	Priority will be given to accredited entities that propose specific approaches to care, or provide services to certain populations.	FY2010 – \$125,000,000 Authorizes SSAN for FY2011 to FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Workforce	Training for Direct Care Workers	Sec. 5302	Provides grants for entities to be used in new training opportunities for direct care workers employed in long-term care settings.	FY2010 - \$10,000,000 FY2011 - \$10,000,000 FY2012 - \$10,000,000 FY2013 - \$10,000,000 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.
Workforce	Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry	Sec. 5303	Priority will be given to eligible entities that propose specific approaches to care, or provide services to certain populations.	FY2010 - \$30,000,000 Authorizes SSAN for FY2011 to FY2015 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.

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Workforce	Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants	Sec. 5306	Awards grants to schools of higher education for the development or enhancement of training programs in social work, graduate psychology, professional training in child and adolescent mental health, and preservice or in-service training to paraprofessionals in child and adolescent mental health.	FY2010 to FY2013 \$8,000,000 – Social Work Training \$12,000,000 Graduate Psychology Training \$10,000,000 – Training in Professional Child and Adolescent Mental Health \$5,000,000 – Training in Paraprofessional Child and Adolescent Work (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Workforce	Centers of Excellence	Sec. 5401	Provides enhanced recruitment, training, academic performance and other supports for minorities interested in careers in health.	FY2010 - \$50,000,000 FY2011 - \$50,000,000 FY2012 - \$50,000,000 FY2013 - \$50,000,000 FY2014 - \$50,000,000 FY2015 - \$50,000,000 (Discretionary Funding)	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Workforce	Interdisciplinary, community-based linkages	Sec. 5403	Establishes community-based training and education grants for Area Health Education Centers and programs.	FY2010 - \$130,000,000 FY2011 - \$130,000,000 FY2012 - \$130,000,000 FY2013 - \$130,000,000 FY2014 - \$130,000,000 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services
Workforce	Primary Care Extension Program	Sec. 5405	Establishes Primary Care Extension Agencies to support and assist primary care providers.	FY2011 - \$120,000,000 FY2012 - \$120,000,000 Authorizes SSAN for FY2013 and FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and

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Workforce	Demonstration Projects to Address Health Professions Workforce Needs	Sec. 5507	Awards grants to States to conduct demonstration projects for the development of core training competencies and certification programs for personal or home care aides.	FY2010 to FY2014 \$85,000,000 – with \$5,000,000 of total designated for 2010-2012 training programs for home care aides (Mandatory Funding)	Office of Community Services of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor Application Process: An entity applying for a grant under this section shall demonstrate in the application that the entity has consulted with the state agency responsible for administering the state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the local workforce investment board in the area in which the project is to be conducted, the state workforce investment board, and the state apprenticeship agency and that the project will be carried out in coordination with such entities.

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Workforce	Rural Physician Training Grants	Sec. 10501 (1)	Establishes a grant program for assisting eligible entities in recruiting students most likely to practice in underserved rural communities.	FY2010 - \$4,000,000 FY2011 - \$4,000,000 FY2012 - \$4,000,000 FY2013 - \$4,000,000 (Discretionary Funding)	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application to the Secretary that includes a certification that the entity will use amounts provided to the institution in accordance with certain specified criteria.
Workforce	Investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions	Sec. 2103 (<i>Reconciliation Bill</i>)	Extends funding for programs that help low-income students attain degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.	FY2010 to FY2019 \$100,000,000 – Hispanic Serving Institutions \$85,000,000 – Historically Black Institutions \$15,000,000 – Predominantly Black Institutions \$30,000,000 – Tribal Institutions \$15,000,000 – Alaska & Hawaiian Native Institutions \$5,000,000 – Asian American and Pacific Islanders Institutions \$5,000,000 – Native American Non-Tribal Serving Institutions (Mandatory Funding)	

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Workforce	Advancing Research and Treatment for Pain Care Management	Sec. 4305	Award grants for the development and implementation of programs to provide education and training to healthcare professionals in pain care.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 – FY2012 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Workforce	Promoting Diversity in the Workforce	Sec. 5402	Provides support for (1) pipeline programs for the health professionals that assist in recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds; (2) loan repayment programs for faculty from disadvantaged backgrounds; and (3) institutions that train nurses to increase diversity among these professionals, including support for bridge or degree completion programs.	(a) Loan Repayment and Fellowship Regarding Faculty Positions Changes the loan amount for faculty positions from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per year. (b) Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students There is authorized to be appropriated \$51,000,000 for FY 2010, and SSAN for FY 2011- FY 2014. (c) Reauthorization for Loan Repayments and Fellowships Regarding Faculty Positions There is authorized to be appropriated \$25M over FY 2010 to FY 2014. (d) Reauthorization for Educational Assistance in the Health Professions Regarding Individuals from a Disadvantaged Background. There is authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and SSAN for fiscal years 2011 through 2014. (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.

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Workforce	Training in Cultural Competency, Prevention, Public Health, and Aptitude Working with Individuals with Disabilities	Sec. 5307	Provides support for development of model curricula in cultural competency and related training.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 – FY2015 (Discretionary Funding)	Health Resources and Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Not specified.
Workforce	Grants to Promote Community Health Workforce	Sec. 5313	Provides grants to community health workers who serve as liaisons between communities and health care agencies and provide culturally and linguistically-appropriate services.	Authorizes SSAN for FY2010 – FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.
Workforce	Nurse-Managed Health Centers	Sec. 5208	Authorizes a federal nurse managed health clinic program which serves disadvantaged communities.	FY2010 - \$50,000,000 Authorizes SSAN for FY2011 to FY2014 (Discretionary Funding)	Department of Health and Human Services Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require that contains certain specified assurances.
Workforce	Alternative Dental Health Provider	Sec. 5304	Creates new demonstration program, which will award grants to 15 eligible entities, to test	Authorizes SSAN	Department of Health and Human Services

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	Models		different dental health care provider models that will promote access to oral health services in underserved communities.	(Discretionary Funding)	Application Process: Submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary of Health and Human Services may require.

***Discretionary Funding** – While the law states that they are authorizing funding for these provisions, they have not as yet allocated actual funding for these provisions. If a program or grant falls into this category, additional advocacy will be needed to secure the funding that was authorized.

****Mandatory Funding** – This means that funding for these grants and programs are guaranteed. Funding was authorized and appropriated for these provisions. No additional advocacy is needed to secure funding, but you will want to make sure to watch for attempts to repeal these provisions.

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