

## **Health Reform: A Bridge to Health Equity**

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## **Impact of Reform**

- Empower consumers and their health providers
- Enhance collaboration between health professionals
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Transform the delivery of care by rewarding healthcare providers based on value not volume

## **Impact of Reform**

- Improve coordination and integration of care
- Increase prevention and promotion of wellbeing
- Prioritize health equity and the elimination of health disparities

## **Overview of Selected Provisions**

- Elevating health equity in the federal agencies
- Health insurance
  - Navigators
  - Cultural and linguistic competence requirements
  - Incentivizing health disparities reduction activities

## **Overview of Selected Provisions**

- Data collection/non-discrimination
  - New collecting/reporting requirements
  - Special requirement for people with disabilities

### Overview of Selected Provisions

- Quality
  - Patient-centered health homes
  - Facilitation of shared decision-making
  - Quality measure development
  - Comparative effectiveness research

### Overview of Selected Provisions

- Workforce
  - National healthcare workforce commission
  - Improving the cultural competence of health professionals
  - Community health workers/promotoras

### Overview of Selected Provisions

- Prevention
  - Prevention fund
  - Creating healthier communities
    - Community transformation grants
  - Childhood obesity demonstration project

### National Strategies to Address Health Disparities

- National Health Disparities Strategy
- National Quality Strategy
- National Prevention and Wellness Strategy

### National Strategies to Address Health Disparities

- National Health Literacy Strategy
- Federal HIT Strategy
- National HIV/AIDS Strategy

### Additional Federal Policy Addressing Health Disparities

- Health Equity and Accountability Act
  - Increases research on obesity-related health disparities
  - Provides grants to research and develop programs addressing obesity as well as chronic diseases and conditions impacting minorities

### **Additional Federal Policy Addressing Health Disparities**

- Encourages cross-sector collaboration to address obesity
- Provides opportunities for health professionals in weight counseling, obesity research, and nutrition

### **Health Reform Repeal and Modification Efforts to Date**

### **ACA Provisions Repealed or Modified to Date**

- Title I
  - Sec. 1322 – Federal program to assist establishment and operation of nonprofit, member-run health insurance issuers (CO-Ops)
  - Sec. 10108M – Free choice vouchers

### **ACA Provisions Repealed or Modified to Date**

- Title II
  - Sec. 2006 – Special adjustment to FMAP determination for certain states recovering from a major disaster - technical correction
  - Sec. 2551 – Medicaid DSH payments – Rebases state DSH allotments for FY 2021

### **ACA Provisions Repealed or Modified to Date**

- Title IV
  - Sec. 4002 – Prevention and public health fund – i.) no propaganda, ii.) \$6.25 billion cut
- Title V
  - Sec. 10503M – Community health centers

### **ACA Provisions Repealed or Modified to Date**

- Title VIII
  - Sec. 8002 – Community living assistance services and supports (CLASS) act
- Title IX
  - Sec. 9006 – Expansion of reporting requirements (1099)

**Moving Forward,  
Reversing the Trend:  
What Does This Mean for You?**

- Ensure that there is adequate funding from Congress and the Administration
- Provide sound information and feedback to regulators
- Join key advisory groups, commissions and task forces

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What Does This Mean for You?**

- Participate in the development of national strategies on quality improvement and prevention
- Keep a watchful eye on efforts to amend health reform

**Health Equity for All!**

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