The Affordable Care Act: Prevention and Public Health Investments

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The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) sets the stage for a comprehensive national approach to population-based prevention.

- **Health in all policies** through a National Prevention Strategy
- Recognition of **policy and environmental change approaches** to public health
- **Mandatory appropriation** (new money)
FY11 Prevention and Public Health Fund

Community Prevention ($298 million)

- Community and State Prevention ($222 million)
  Community Transformation Grants ($145 million) and Consolidated Chronic Disease Grants ($52.2 million)
- Tobacco Prevention ($60 million)
- Obesity Prevention and Fitness ($16 million)
Public Health Infrastructure and Training ($137 million)

• Public Health Infrastructure ($40 million)
  Support state, local, and tribal public health infrastructure to advance health promotion and disease prevention through improved information technology, workforce training, and policy development.

• Public Health Workforce ($45 million)
• Public Health Capacity ($52 million) (epidemiology and lab)
FY11 Prevention and Public Health Fund

Clinical Prevention ($182 million)

- Wellness and Preventive Health Services ($112 million)
  Increase awareness of new preventive benefits made available by ACA. Expand immunization services and activities ($100 million)

- Behavioral Health Screening and Integration with Primary Health ($70 million)
## FY12 President’s Budget – Prevention & PH Fund

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Other Funding Opportunities

President’s Budget FY12

HIV Prevention - $343 million for eligible Health Departments

• Reducing HIV incidence
• Increasing linkage to quality care and retention in care of previously diagnosed individuals
• Reducing health disparities
Other Future Funding Opportunities

President’s Budget FY12

Teen Pregnancy Prevention - $110 million (Asst. Secy for Health)

These funding supports competitive grants to public and private entities to fund medically accurate and age appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy and for the Federal costs associated with administration and evaluation.
Community Health Centers - $3.3 billion in FY12 Pres. Budget

CHCs received $11 billion in funding from ACA. Some of this money has already gone out in new and expanded grants. Community Health Center planning grants are due Mar. 18
The Big Question

Question: Is Health Reform a Threat or an Opportunity for Local Health Departments?

Answer: Yes.
New Roles and Functions to Consider

- Expanded role in Medicaid enrollment and in outreach and enrollment for state health insurance exchanges
- Expanded role in case management.
- Maintain and enhance role as health data and information experts for the community.
New Roles and Functions to Consider

• Collaborate with non-profit hospitals to conduct community health needs assessments required by IRS.
• Develop new business models to bill or contract for services.
• Leverage the dollars flowing to FQHC’s by developing a public entity FQHC.
New Partnerships to Consider

• Convene partnerships for population-based prevention, including the engagement of new partners in policy development.

• Pursue relationships with groups forming Accountable Care Organizations.

• Establish new arrangements with FQHC’s for co-location of services, referrals, and/or purchase of services.
Some Questions to Ask

When more health department clients have insurance cards in hand, what will be the impact on financing and mix of clinical and population-based services in my community? Should I plan to transition clinical services to other providers and focus more resources on population-based prevention?
Local Health Department Challenges

- Lack of community support for health system reform.
- Lack of State willingness or capacity to implement Affordable Care Act.
- Possible influx of new patients to health care systems with inadequate reimbursement or resources (particularly PCPs) to care for them.
Local Health Department Challenges

- Viability as a safety net provider.
- Inability to compete as other entities assume greater roles in prevention and primary care.
- Future funding reductions for public health services erroneously deemed unnecessary by policy makers when expanded health insurance coverage is in place.
Local Health Department Challenges

• Realigning resources for altered roles.
• Training the current public health workforce for altered roles.
• Pursuing new opportunities after years of cuts have weakened the public health system.
NACCHO Resources

A webpage with resources that we are populating as fast as we can:

http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/healthreform.cfm

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Other Resources

White House: http://www.whitehouse.gov/HealthReform

Department of Health and Human Services: http://www.healthcare.gov/

Kaiser Family Foundation: http://healthreform.kff.org/

Families USA: http://www.familiesusa.org