

## **SAFETY NET (SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS)**

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### **Qualified health plans**

#### **Sec. 1302(g). Payment to Federally Qualified Health Centers.**

Section 10104 requires payments by qualified health plans to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to be at least as high as payments to FQHCs under Medicaid.

### **Consumer choices and insurance competition through Health Benefit Exchanges**

**Sec. 1311(c)(1)(C).** Include within health insurance plan networks those essential community providers, where available, that serve predominately low-income, medically-underserved individuals, such as health care providers defined in section 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act and providers described in section 927(c)(1)(D)(i)(IV) of the Social Security Act as set forth by section 221 of Public Law 111-8, except that nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to require any health plan to provide coverage for any specific medical procedure. (excerpt from Ppaca&Hcra; Public Laws 111-148&111-152: Consolidated Print)

### **Trauma centers and emergency care coordination**

**Sec. 3504. Design and implementation of regionalized systems for emergency care.** Provides funding to the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response to support pilot projects that design, implement, and evaluate innovative models of regionalized, comprehensive, and accountable emergency care and trauma systems. Requires the HHS Secretary to support emergency medicine research, including pediatric emergency medical research.

**Sec. 3505. Trauma care centers and service availability.** Reauthorizes and improves the trauma care program, providing grants administered by the HHS Secretary to States and trauma centers to strengthen the nation's trauma system. Grants are targeted to assist trauma care centers in underserved areas susceptible to funding and workforce shortages.

### **School-based health centers**

**Sec. 4101. School-based health centers.** Authorizes a grant program for the operation and development of School-Based Health Clinics, which will provide comprehensive and accessible preventive and primary health care services to medically underserved children and families. Appropriates \$50 million each year for fiscal years 2010 through 2013 for expenditures for facilities and equipment. **Section 10402** adds vision services to the list of health services for which a School Based Health Center should provide referrals.

### **National Health Service Corp funding**

**Sec. 5207. Funding for National Health Service Corps.** Increases and extends the authorization of appropriations for the National Health Service Corps scholarship and loan repayment program for FY10-15.

### **Nurse-managed health clinics**

**Sec. 5208. Nurse-managed health clinics.** Strengthens the health care safety-net by creating a \$50 million grant program administered by HRSA to support nurse-managed health clinics.

### **Federally qualified health centers**

**Sec. 4206. Demonstration project concerning individualized wellness plan.** This pilot program provides at-risk populations who utilize community health centers with a comprehensive risk-factor assessment and an individualized wellness plan designed to reduce risk factors for preventable conditions.

**Sec. 5508. Increasing teaching capacity in primary care residencies in teaching health centers (FQHCs).** Directs the Secretary to establish a grant program to support new or expanded primary care residency programs at teaching health centers and authorizes \$25 million for FY2010, \$50 million for FY2011 and FY2012 and such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter to carry out such program. Also provides \$230 million in funding under the Public Health Service Act to cover the indirect and direct expenses of qualifying teaching health centers related to training primary care residents in certain expanded or new programs.

**Sec. 5601. Spending for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).** Authorizes the following appropriations: FY2010 - \$2.98B; FY2011 - \$3.86B; FY2012 - \$4.99B; FY 2013 - \$6.44B; FY2014 - \$7.33B; FY2015 - \$8.33B.

**Medically underserved areas and health professions shortage areas**

**Sec. 5602. Negotiated rulemaking for development of methodology and criteria for designating medically underserved populations and health professions shortage areas.** Directs the Secretary, in consultation with stakeholders, to establish a comprehensive methodology and criteria for designating medically underserved populations and Health Professional Shortage Areas.

**Wakefield Emergency Medical Services for Children program**

**Sec. 5603. Reauthorization of Wakefield Emergency Medical Services for Children Program.** Reauthorizes program to award grants to States and medical schools to support the improvement and expansion of emergency medical services for children needing trauma or critical care treatment.

**Health care provider grants**

**Sec. 5606. State grants to health care providers who provide services to a high percentage of medically underserved populations or other special populations.** As added by Section 10501, creates a grant program to support health care providers who treat a high percentage of medically underserved populations.

**340B discount drug program**

**Sec. 7101. Expanded participation in 340B program.** As amended by **Section 2302 of the *Reconciliation Act***, extends participation in the 340B program to certain children's hospitals, cancer hospitals, critical access and sole community hospitals, and rural referral centers, and exempts orphan drugs from required discounts for new 340B entities.

**New requirements for charitable hospitals**

**Sec. 9007. Additional requirements for charitable hospitals.** Establishes new requirements applicable to nonprofit hospitals. The requirements would include a periodic community needs assessment.

**Community-based collaborative networks of care**

**Sec. 10333. Community-based collaborative care networks.** Provides grants to develop networks of providers to deliver coordinated care to low-income populations.

**Infrastructure to expand access to care**

**Sec. 10502. Infrastructure to expand access to care.** Provides funding to HHS for construction or debt service on hospital construction costs for a new health facility meeting certain criteria.

**Community Health Centers expansion funding**

**Sec. 10503. Community Health Centers and National Health Service Corps Fund.** Establishes a Community Health Centers and National Health Service Corps Fund. The fund will create an expanded and sustained national investment in community health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and the National Health Service Corps. As amended by **Section 2303 of the *Reconciliation Act***, increases mandatory funding for community health centers to \$11 billion over five years (FY 2011 – FY 2015).

**Demonstration project to improve access**

**Sec. 10504. Demonstration project to provide access to affordable care.** Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish a 3-year demonstration project in States to provide comprehensive health care services to the uninsured at reduced fees.

**Extension of malpractice coverage to free clinics**

**Sec. 10608. Extension of medical malpractice coverage to free clinics.** Extends the protections from liability contained in the Federal Tort Claims Act to free clinics.