



Strengthening and Improving Medicaid

The *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* and the *Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act* will increase coverage under Medicaid, an important public program that provides vital health care coverage to millions of vulnerable Americans.

New Coverage for Vulnerable Americans

- ✓ Increases Medicaid eligibility for all non-elderly parents and childless adults, children, and pregnant women with income up to 133 percent of poverty (\$29,300 for a family of four).
- ✓ Continues the successful CHIP program that provides health care to 7 million children.

Enrollment Simplification

- ✓ Requires states to establish an enrollment website to promote seamless enrollment in Medicaid, CHIP, or private insurance available through the Exchange.
- ✓ Streamlines income standards to facilitate use of a single application for Medicaid, CHIP or tax credits in the Exchange.

Home and Community Based Services

- ✓ Establishes the Community First Choice option to provide community-based supports and services to individuals with disabilities in Medicaid who would otherwise require institutional care.
- ✓ Creates a new office within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to coordinate coverage and services for vulnerable Americans who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Improves Access to Preventive Services

- ✓ Encourages states to improve coverage of and access to recommended preventive services and immunizations. At a minimum, states will provide Medicaid coverage for comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women without cost-sharing.
- ✓ Provides increased federal funds to states that cover all U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended services and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended vaccines without cost-sharing.
- ✓ Offers incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries who successfully complete certain healthy lifestyle programs targeting chronic disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.
- ✓ Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance to states and health care providers about Medicaid's coverage of childhood obesity-related services and preventive services.

Modernizes and Improves Medicaid through Delivery System Reforms

- ✓ Establishes a Medicaid quality measurement program for adults, expanding existing quality measures and identifying priorities for the development and advancement of adult quality measures.
- ✓ Prohibits federal payment for Medicaid services related to certain health care acquired conditions.
- ✓ Creates a bundled payment demonstration project for acute care and post-acute care under the Medicaid program.
- ✓ Creates a Medicaid global payment demonstration project for large safety-net providers to allow them to take advantage of a capitated, global payment structure.
- ✓ Establishes a demonstration project for accountable care organizations to improve care coordination for children in Medicaid and CHIP.
- ✓ Creates a new medical home state option to encourage coordination of care for chronically ill Medicaid beneficiaries.