

The Department of Health and Human Services

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FY2011 Request: \$81.3 billion
FY2010 Enacted: \$79.6 billion*

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the principal Federal agency charged with protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. This Budget includes \$81.3 billion to support HHS' mission.

Support Health Insurance Reform

- \$110 million for continuing efforts to strengthen health IT policy, coordination, and research activities.
- \$286 million for research that compares the effectiveness of different medical options, building on the expansion of this research begun under Recovery Act.
- \$2.5 billion for health centers to provide affordable high quality primary and preventive care to underserved populations, including the uninsured. This will allow health centers to continue to provide care to the 2 million additional patients they served under Recovery Act and support approximately 25 new health center sites. In 2008, health centers provided direct health care services to 17 million people.
- New Medicare demonstration projects that evaluate reforms to provide higher quality care at lower costs, improve beneficiary education and understanding of benefits offered, and better align provider payments with costs and outcomes.

Protect Access to Health Care for Low-Income Americans

- \$25.5 billion for additional Federal Medicaid assistance to help states maintain their Medicaid programs and ensure access to health care for millions of Americans.

Support Biomedical Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- \$32.1 billion for the National Institutes of Health, including more than \$6 billion for cancer research to:
 - Initiate 30 new drug trials in 2011, and double the number of novel compounds in Phase 1 - 3 clinical trials by 2016; and
 - Support the completion of a comprehensive catalog of cancer mutations for the 20 most common malignancies, setting the stage for complete genomic characterization of every cancer as part of medical care within 10 years.

Increase Number of Primary Health Care Providers

- \$169 million in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) to place providers in medically underserved areas to improve access to needed health care services. Under the NHSC, primary health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, and dentists serve in a medically underserved community in exchange for having a portion of their student loans paid off.
- Add 400 NHSC clinicians to the more than 8,100 who will provide essential primary and preventative care services in health care facilities across the country.

Expand and Strengthen Prevention and Wellness Activities

- Bolsters core prevention activities by expanding community health activities, strengthening the public health workforce, and enhancing surveillance and health statistics to improve detection and monitoring of chronic disease and health outcomes.
- \$20 million to fund a new effort in up to 10 of the largest U.S. cities to reduce the rates of morbidity and disability due to chronic disease.

* Excludes the \$2.4 billion transfer of the Bioshield Special Reserve Fund balances from the Department of Homeland Security to HHS.

- \$10 million to improve workforce capacity of state and local health departments.
- \$10 million for the federal employee workplace wellness initiative. This initiative will implement prototype wellness programs in select locations that will be rigorously evaluated for their ability to produce a healthier workforce and lower health care costs.

Increase Access to Health Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives

- \$4.4 billion for the Indian Health Service (IHS) to expand investments initiated in 2010. Increases for IHS will strengthen existing federal, tribal, and urban programs that serve 1.9 million people at approximately 600 facilities, and will expand access to Contract Health Services to cover health care services provided outside of the Indian health system when services are not available at IHS-funded facilities.
- Fund staff and operating costs at new and expanded facilities to increase access to health care services and enhance the Indian health system. The efforts supported in the Budget to expand health services in Indian communities also include an analysis of how IHS can improve distribution of resources throughout the Indian health system.

Bolster the Safety of our Food and Medicines

- \$2.5 billion in budget authority and \$4 billion in total program resources for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
 - Includes increases to bring more safe, effective, and lower cost generic drugs and generic biologics to market expand post-market safety surveillance of medical products, and support FDA's efforts to make such safety data more comprehensive and accessible to patients, providers, and scientists in a way that also protects privacy.

Strengthen the Nation's Preparedness Against Threats and Attacks

- More than \$400 million to enhance the advanced development of next-generation medical countermeasures against chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats.
- Invest smartly the previously approved funds to enhance the nation's ability to rapidly respond to an influenza pandemic.

High-Priority Performance Goals

The Administration is committed to building a transparent, high-performance government capable of addressing the challenges of the 21st century. As part of developing the budget, every department identified high-priority performance goals (along with the strategies and in-house resources to achieve them) that each will work to accomplish over the next two years. Highlights of this department's goals are:

- Establish the infrastructure necessary to encourage the adoption and meaningful use of Health Information Technology.
- Increase the number of low-income children receiving federal support for access to high quality early care and education settings including an additional 64,000 children in Head Start and Early Head Start and an average of 10,000 additional children per month through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) over the number of children who were enrolled in FY 2008.
- Increase enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program by 7 percent (more than 500,000 children) from 2008 to 2011.
- Decrease by 10 percent from the 2005-2007 average baseline, all of the following: the rate of sporadic *Salmonella Enteritidis* (SE) illnesses in the population; the number of SE outbreaks; and, the number of SE cases associated with outbreaks.

To see the Department's full set of performance information, please visit:
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