



Alliance for Health Reform Briefing: The Health Care Workforce

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This Presentation

- The ACA and its impact on the health workforce
- Health Centers – as employers, test sites for new delivery models
- A Health Professions Workforce to Serve Rural America
- The National Health Service Corps
- HRSA's Other Training and Workforce Activities
- Opportunities for Collaboration

The ACA and Its Impact on the Health Workforce

- 3rd Anniversary This Week
- Broadly Increasing Access to High-Quality, Affordable Health Care
- Increasing Primary Care and Provider Capacity

The ACA and Community Health Centers

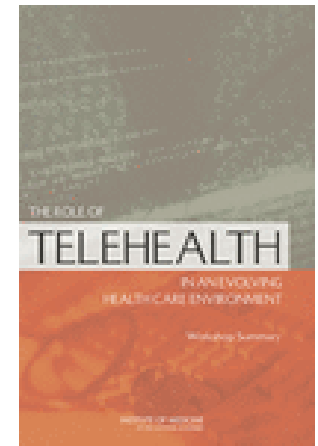
- \$11 billion provided through 2015 to expand network and significantly increase the number of patients
- \$9.5 billion will create new health center sites in underserved areas and expand services at existing sites
- \$1.5 billion will support construction and renovation
- Includes \$200 million to expand services at School-Based Health Centers

Community Health Center Program (cont.)

- Serves more than 20 million patients annually
- Provides preventive and primary medical/health care home model of coordinated patient-centered care
- Since 2009, health centers have added more than 25,300 new full-time positions, increasing their employment to more than 138,000 staff nationwide

Rural America and the Health Workforce

- White House Rural Council
- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
 - Voice for Rural within HHS
 - Policy and Research with a Rural Focus
 - Community & State-Based Grants
 - Capacity Building
 - Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
 - Grants and Technical Assistance
 - New Report on Telehealth from the Institute of Medicine



National Health Service Corps

- Nearly 10,000 National Health Service Corps clinicians are providing care to more than 10.4 million people who live in rural, urban, and frontier communities.
- An additional 1,000+ students, residents, and health providers preparing to go into practice receive support through scholarships and the Students to Service Loan Repayment program.

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Training & Workforce Development Initiatives

- HRSA supports the training and development of health professionals, with a focus on primary care providers
- HRSA is enhancing the health workforce by
 - Increasing the number of primary care providers and oral health professionals
 - Improving distribution of providers into underserved areas
 - Increasing health workforce diversity
 - Facilitating interprofessional training to improve team-based, patient-centered care

Other Health Workforce Opportunities

- Teams and Interprofessional Education
- Growth in Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants
- Production vs. Distribution of Providers
- Additional Analytic Efforts: National Center for Workforce Analysis
- Companion Federal Efforts – CMMI, SAMHSA
- Opportunities for Collaboration



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