Update on Prevention and Public Health Fund and National Prevention Strategy

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Coverage of Preventive Services

ACA:

- Eliminates cost-sharing for preventive services in Medicare and Medicaid.
- Provides Medicare coverage, with no co-payment or deductible for an annual wellness visit, as well as a personalized prevention plan that includes a health risk assessment.
- Requires states to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation for pregnant women, without cost sharing.
- Creates an essential health benefits package whose benefits shall be defined by the Secretary. Included in general categories are preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management.
- Stipulates that group health plans shall provide coverage, without cost-sharing, for preventive services with an “A” or “B” rating from the US Preventive Services Task Force and immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.
National Prevention Strategy

- Four pillars
  - Healthy and Safe Community Environments
  - Clinical and Community Preventive Services
  - Empowered People
  - Elimination of Health Disparities
National Prevention Strategy

- A vision of prevention that ranges from traditional clinical services to community change that addresses the policies and structures that affect healthy choices, to the social determinants of health.

- A recognition that all agencies of the federal government have a role to play – and by extension all levels of government and all sectors of society.
What’s next?

- National Prevention Council will consider implementation steps
- Advisory Group on Prevention will focus on:
  - Engagement/Co-benefits for non-health agencies
  - Integration into implementation of health reform
- Taking the Prevention Strategy to your community
- Constituencies defining what it means to implement these principles in real policies and programs
Prevention Fund FY 2011 - $750 million

- CDC operating plan submitted to Congress – 5/13/11
  - $145 million for Community Transformation Grants
  - $42.2 million for Chronic Disease State Grants
  - $40 million for Epidemiology and Lab Capacity
  - $10 million for Prevention Research Centers
  - $14 million for community and clinical task forces
  - $100 million for childhood immunizations
  - $40.2 million for public health infrastructure
Prevention Fund FY 2012 (proposed) - $1 billion

- Proposed in President’s Budget on February 14th
  - $221 million for Community Transformation Grants
  - $157.7 million for Chronic Disease State Grants
  - $79 million for tobacco cessation
  - $40 million for Epidemiology and Lab Capacity
  - $20 million for injury prevention
  - $40 million for public health infrastructure
  - $30 million for HIV/AIDS
ACA implementation update

- Funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) posted throughout Spring and Summer – including CTGs, public health infrastructure, and consolidated chronic disease grants
- Multiple opportunities for regulatory comments – including nutrition labeling, NPS, exchanges, etc.
- Over 900 Letters of Intent for CTGs alone
- Funding announcements expected in late summer and early fall
True community-based prevention

- **Community Transformation Grants (Sec.4201)**
  - Requires detailed plan for policy, environmental, programmatic and infrastructure changes to promote healthy living and reduce disparities
    - Create healthier school environments, including healthy food options, physical activity opportunities, promotion of healthy lifestyles
    - Develop and promote programs targeting increased access to nutrition, physical activity, smoking cessation and safety
    - Highlight healthy options at restaurants and food venues
    - NOT limited to chronic diseases or one disease at a time
Challenges to the Prevention Fund

- **Why defend it?**
  - Mandatory nature – only source of assured new funding in tight fiscal times
  - Source of $ for transformative change

- **What’s the objection?**
  - It’s part of the ACA
  - Mandatory = contributes to deficit
  - Claim that Congress has no control over how spent
    - Untrue: Secretary only acts if Congress doesn’t
Current risk assessment

- House voted to repeal ACA
- House voted to repeal Prevention Fund
- Successfully protected in the FY11 budget deal
- Debt Ceiling/FY 12
  - Negotiations ongoing, GOP put out list of health cuts including $8 billion cut to Fund.
- Cuts in CDC base undermine value of Fund
  - Is Congress/Administration making a conscious trade off?
  - Can we maintain transformative nature of the Fund?
FY 2010-2012 CDC values are supplemented by the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

** FY2011 value is "enacted" value, while the other FY values are "actual".

*** FY2012 value (excluding the Prevention and Public Health Fund) represents the President's Budget request.
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