

Health Reform in the House of Representatives: The Affordable Health Care for America Act

Prevention and Wellness Elements in the Affordable Health Care for America Act	Details
Public Health Investment Fund	Deposits \$34 billion in a Public Health Investment Fund over the next five years.
Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund	\$15.4 billion in mandatory funding from the Public Health Investment Fund over the next 5 years to fund activities under the Prevention Task Forces, prevention and wellness research, delivery of community-based prevention and wellness services, and core public health infrastructure and activities.
National Prevention and Wellness Strategy	Requires the Secretary to periodically update a national strategy to improve the nation's health through clinical and community-based prevention and wellness activities.
Community prevention and wellness grants	Establishes a grant program to support the delivery of evidence-based, community-based prevention and wellness services across the country. At least 50% of the funds must be spent on implementing services that aim to reduce health disparities.
Core public health infrastructure for State, local, and tribal health departments	Establishes a grant program at CDC to improve core public health infrastructure.
Public Health Workforce Corps	Establishes a Public Health Workforce Corps to address public health workforce shortages. Provides scholarship and loan repayment support for public health professionals serving in areas of need.
Enhancing the public health workforce	Provides funding to support public health training programs. Authorizes an additional \$283 million over the next five years for various public health workforce programs.
Prevention Task Forces	Task Force on Clinical Preventive Services and a Task Force on Community Preventive Services, both of which will conduct evidence-based reviews to determine which preventive services, inside and outside of clinical settings, are proven effective.
Wellness Program Grants	Awarded to small employers with wellness programs that are consistent with evidence-based research and best practices, include multiple evidence-based strategies, and include strategies that focus on prevention and support for employee populations at risk of poor health outcomes. The components of the wellness programs include: health education, health screenings, behavioral change, and a supportive environment (on-site policies, including tobacco policies and the nutrition of food available at the worksite).

Health Reform in the Senate: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

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National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council	Establishes a Council made up of the Surgeon General, the Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Education, Agriculture, Labor, and Transportation, and the heads of other Federal Agencies. The Council will develop a national prevention, health promotion, public health, and integrative health care strategy to improve the health status of Americans and reduce preventable illness and disability.
Prevention and Public Health Fund	The Fund would provide \$15 billion over 10 years to expand and sustain national investment in prevention and public health programs.
Community Transformation Grants	Competitive grants to State and local governmental agencies and community-based organizations for evidence-based, community preventive activities to reduce chronic disease rates, prevent the development of secondary conditions, address health disparities, and develop a stronger evidence-base of effective prevention programming. An entity that receives a grant will submit a detailed Community Transformation Plan that includes the policy, environmental, programmatic, and infrastructure changes needed to promote healthy living and reduce disparities.
Community Preventive Services Task Force	The Task Force will develop recommendations and interventions to improve health at the population level.
Public Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Programs	Establishes a Public Health Workforce loan repayment program.
Technical Assistance for Employer-Based Wellness Programs	Directs CDC to provide employers with technical assistance, consultation, tools, and other resources to evaluate employers' employer-based wellness programs. Within two years, a national worksite health policies and programs survey will be done to assess and evaluate comprehensive workplace chronic disease prevention and health promotion programs, policies and practices.
Nutrition Labeling	Establishes nutrition labeling of standard menu items at chain restaurants (20 or more restaurants).
Reasonable Break Time for Nursing Mothers	Requires employers with 50 or more employees to provide reasonable break times for nursing mothers and a place, other than a bathroom, which may be used to express breast milk.
Sense of the Senate Regarding CBO Scoring	Expresses sense of the Senate that Congress should work with CBO to develop better methodologies for scoring prevention and wellness programs.

