

Public Law 111-148  
111th Congress

An Act

Entitled The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Mar. 23, 2010

[H.R. 3590]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Patient  
Protection and  
Affordable Care  
Act.  
42 USC 18001  
note.

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS**

**Subtitle A—Immediate Improvements in Health Care Coverage for All Americans**

Sec. 1001. Amendments to the Public Health Service Act.

**“PART A—INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP MARKET REFORMS**

**“SUBPART II—IMPROVING COVERAGE**

“Sec. 2711. No lifetime or annual limits.

“Sec. 2712. Prohibition on rescissions.

“Sec. 2713. Coverage of preventive health services.

“Sec. 2714. Extension of dependent coverage.

“Sec. 2715. Development and utilization of uniform explanation of coverage documents and standardized definitions.

“Sec. 2716. Prohibition of discrimination based on salary.

“Sec. 2717. Ensuring the quality of care.

“Sec. 2718. Bringing down the cost of health care coverage.

“Sec. 2719. Appeals process.

Sec. 1002. Health insurance consumer information.

Sec. 1003. Ensuring that consumers get value for their dollars.

Sec. 1004. Effective dates.

**Subtitle B—Immediate Actions to Preserve and Expand Coverage**

Sec. 1101. Immediate access to insurance for uninsured individuals with a pre-existing condition.

Sec. 1102. Reinsurance for early retirees.

Sec. 1103. Immediate information that allows consumers to identify affordable coverage options.

Sec. 1104. Administrative simplification.

Sec. 1105. Effective date.

**Subtitle C—Quality Health Insurance Coverage for All Americans**

**PART I—HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET REFORMS**

Sec. 1201. Amendment to the Public Health Service Act.

**“SUBPART I—GENERAL REFORM**

“Sec. 2704. Prohibition of preexisting condition exclusions or other discrimination based on health status.

“Sec. 2701. Fair health insurance premiums.

“Sec. 2702. Guaranteed availability of coverage.

and reduce disease risk (including eliminating programs and offices determined to be ineffective in meeting the priority goals of Healthy People 2010);

(6) contains specific plans to ensure that all Federal health care programs are fully coordinated with science-based prevention recommendations by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

(7) contains specific plans to ensure that all non-Department of Health and Human Services prevention programs are based on the science-based guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under paragraph (4).

(i) PERIODIC REVIEWS.—The Secretary and the Comptroller General of the United States shall jointly conduct periodic reviews, not less than every 5 years, and evaluations of every Federal disease prevention and health promotion initiative, program, and agency. Such reviews shall be evaluated based on effectiveness in meeting metrics-based goals with an analysis posted on such agencies' public Internet websites.

Deadlines.  
Evaluations.

Web posting.

**SEC. 4002. PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.**

42 USC 300u-11.

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to establish a Prevention and Public Health Fund (referred to in this section as the “Fund”), to be administered through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, to provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs.

(b) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, to the Fund, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

- (1) for fiscal year 2010, \$500,000,000;
- (2) for fiscal year 2011, \$750,000,000;
- (3) for fiscal year 2012, \$1,000,000,000;
- (4) for fiscal year 2013, \$1,250,000,000;
- (5) for fiscal year 2014, \$1,500,000,000; and

(6) for fiscal year 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, \$2,000,000,000.

(c) USE OF FUND.—The Secretary shall transfer amounts in the Fund to accounts within the Department of Health and Human Services to increase funding, over the fiscal year 2008 level, for programs authorized by the Public Health Service Act, for prevention, wellness, and public health activities including prevention research and health screenings, such as the Community Transformation grant program, the Education and Outreach Campaign for Preventive Benefits, and immunization programs.

(d) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—The Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives may provide for the transfer of funds in the Fund to eligible activities under this section, subject to subsection (c).

**SEC. 4003. CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY PREVENTIVE SERVICES.**

(a) PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE.—Section 915 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299b-4) is amended by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—The Director shall convene an independent Preventive Services Task Force (referred