

Public Health Savings from the Affordable Care Act



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Public Health Funding for 2012 are estimated at \$88 Billion

— About \$13 Billion in federal funds and
\$75 Billion in state and local funding

Changes in the ACA

Expanded coverage 2014 = 21 million newly insured
33 million still uninsured

2021 = 34 million newly insured
23 million still uninsured

- The ACA extends coverage to 40% of the uninsured initially and eventually covers 60%
- so the need for Public health funds will continue (including caring for those not eligible for the ACA)
- New public health and prevention funding (\$15 Billion over the next ten years), BUT...

- This will not all be new money!
- Prevention fund has \$1-\$2 Billion per year
But CDC FY 12 budget is slightly smaller than FY 11
Continuing resolution
- Funding for FY 12 lower by well over \$120 million
with elimination of preventive health, health
services block grant and healthy communities
funding
- Only \$400 million net increase in community health
center funding as well

Most of the functions performed by public health will continue to serve both the remaining uninsured and some newly insured.

The ACA will provide more funds for:

- ✓ clinical preventive services
- ✓ chronic disease prevention and
- ✓ clinical services

Issues:

- Who will perform these functions (ph depts?)
- Will the ACA reduce the wide variation in per capita spending (13 fold difference, from the top to bottom 20 percent) in local ph departments?



The ACA provides an opportunity to integrate public Health with medical care.

Integrate primary, secondary and tertiary prevention (and treatment) through ACOs
Community health teams (medical homes)

Building a Community Health System

