Impact on Allied Health Professionals

How does the ACA change health care delivery?
• More people will have health insurance
• More people eligible for Medicaid coverage
• More people with employer-based health insurance
• More people with private insurance (Individual Mandate)

How do the allied health professions aid these changes?
• Many Allied Health Professionals specialize in providing the services outlined and emphasized by the ACA.
• Allied Health Professionals can assist in efficiently serving the increased number of people who will be able to afford health care services.
• Allied Health Professionals are prepared to meet the changes in emphasis.
  • They have experience working in teams
  • They use valid and reliable outcome measures
  • They specialize in areas directly related to prevention, wellness, and management of chronic diseases
  • They work in out-patient, home health, and school-based settings

What education and research assistance do allied health professionals need to be successful?
• Many Workforce and Funding Initiatives do NOT currently include MOST Allied Health Professionals
• Health Care Workforce Initiatives that DO include some Allied Health Professionals:
  • Geriatric Career Incentive Awards (Section 5305)
  • School-Based Health Centers (Section 4101)
  • Allied Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program
  • Mid-Career Public and Allied Health Training Scholarships (Section 5206)
• Research funding should include Allied Health Professionals since they may increase quality/efficiency/effectiveness of service for a lower cost.
Resources:


