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PERSPECTIVES ON AND EXPERIENCES WITH ACHIEVING HEALTH REFORM THAT TRANSFORMS

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Abnormal Pap Smear
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Severe Cramps
THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

- **FOUNDED IN 1895**

- **THE ONLY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT THE MEDICARE BILL SIGNED IN 1965.**

- **NMA MISSION STATEMENT:**
  
  **TO ADVANCE THE ART AND SCIENCE OF MEDICINE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT THROUGH EDUCATION, ADVOCACY AND HEALTH POLICY AND TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS, ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND SUSTAIN PHYSICIAN VIABILITY.**

**WELLNESS CARE AND PREVENTION IS PART OF OUR MISSION SINCE 1895**
FOR MOST OF MAN’S HISTORY, [PER CAPITAL] INCOME HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY DETERMINANT OF HEALTH AND LIFE EXPECTANCY AND IS THE MAJOR EXPLANATION FOR DIFFERENCES IN HEALTH AMONG NATIONS AND AMONG GROUPS WITHIN A NATION.

Victor Fuchs
BIOSOCIAL MODEL OF RACIAL STRATIFICATION

Massey’s biosocial model of racial Stratification, Massey (2004)p.21
ACA
BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL OF US?

The Kleinpeter Family
The Madison Family

5.3 years in 2003
Crises
If not now when?

- **Chronic diseases consume the lion’s share of the health care budget**

- **Job losses continue to result in lost coverage**

- **No coverage makes people postpone care**

- **Postponed care = sicker populations**

- **Sicker populations = more expensive care**

“Think it’s expensive now, wait another decade!”
A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY IS A SHORT BUT FULL DESCRIPTION OF A HAPPY STATE IN THE WORLD: HE THAT HAS THESE TWO HAS LITTLE MORE TO WISH FOR; AND HE THAT WANTS EITHER OF THEM WILL BE LITTLE THE BETTER FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

JOHN LOCKE
ACA

- NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION AND QUALITY

- NEW FOCUS ON REDUCING DISPARITIES

- INDEPENDENT REVIEW FOR COVERAGE DENIALS

- NO MORE DENIALS FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS
ACA

- No more dropped coverage when you get sick

- Staying on parents’ plan till age 26

- Increased funding for workforce development

- Increased commitment to community health
ACA CONCERNS

- PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT – SGR- 29%

- TORT REFORM

- FRAUD AND ABUSE
ACA EXPERIENCES

To implement reform in Louisiana in 2010, ACA has provided:

• $55,717 rebate checks of $250 for Medicare meds

• $1 M to police unreasonable premium hikes

• $7.8 M from the Prevention and Public Health Fund

• $3 M for healthcare workforce development

• $1.6 M for Maternal, Infant and Childhood Home Visiting Program

Go to www.healthcare.gov to see what’s happening in your state!
TRANSFORMATION SUCCESSFUL WHEN WE CAN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE:

- **Can I afford health care when I need it?**

- **Will there be a doctor willing to see me after reform is implemented?**

- **Will I be better off on exit than I was entering the system?**

- **Will we improve the nation’s health by improving care coordination?**

- **Will there be less inequity and fewer disparities when ACA is fully implemented?**

- **Will the costs be sustainable for the system, and the nation?**
WAKE UP EVERYBODY

THINGS WON’T GET ANY BETTER IF WE JUST LET IT BE. THE WORLD
WON’T GET ANY BETTER, WE HAVE TO CHANGE IT, JUST YOU AND ME.

WAKE UP ALL THE DOCTORS MAKE OL’ PEOPLE WELL. THEY’RE THE
ONES WHO SUFFER AN’ WHO CATCH ALL THE HELL. TODAY IT’S NOT JUST
OL’ PEOPLE, WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR YOUTH, AND OUR COMMUNITIES,

BETTER ACCESS, MORE RESOURCES AND QUALITY CARE, YOU AND ME,
WAKE UP,

STAND-UP AND DO SOMETHING.
A child born to a black mother in a state like Mississippi... has exactly the same rights as a white baby born to the wealthiest white person in the United States. It’s not true, but I challenge anyone to say it is not a goal worth working for.

Thurgood Marshall
Health Care Reform Legislation will help to provide better access to care in the fight to eliminate disparities and we must act to make it happen.