Introduction

MANY IN THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSION ARE WONDERING HOW THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW- THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT- AFFECTS THEM, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE NURSING PROFESSION.

THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL REVIEW SOME OF THE OPINIONS OF SOME NURSING LEADERS CONCERNING HOW THE NEW HEALTHCARE LAW AFFECTS THE PROFESSION, ESPECIALLY ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE. BEFORE THAT, WE WILL FIRST REVIEW THE SUMMARY OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AS PREPARED BY
SUMMARY OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

PREPARED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS, ENERGY AND COMMERCE, AND EDUCATION AND LABOR MARCH 18, 2010
QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

- Protect consumers from discriminatory practices of health insurance companies
- Uninsured Americans with a pre-existing condition will have access to an immediate insurance program
- Expand access to health care in communities
THE ROLE OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS

- Expands eligibility for Medicaid

- Maintains current funding levels for CHIP for an additional two years

- Fills the Medicare prescription drug donut hole.
IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF HEALTH CARE

- protecting and strengthening the Medicare program for America’s seniors
- includes a number of proposals to move away from the “a la carte” Medicare fee-for-service system toward paying for quality and value and reducing costs to America’s seniors
- Ensures a fair payment system that rewards quality.
PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE AND IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH

- Promotes preventive health care and improves the public health

- Eliminates co-pays and deductibles for recommended preventive care
HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

- Addresses shortages in primary care and other areas of practice by making necessary investments in our nation’s health care workforce.

- Includes incentives for primary care practitioners and for providers to serve underserved areas.
- The bill also includes provisions that will crack down on fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and private insurance.
- Establishes a regulatory pathway for FDA approval of biosimilar versions of previously licensed biological products.
COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (CLASS)

- Makes long-term supports and services more affordable for millions of Americans
REVENUE PROVISIONS

- The bill is fully paid for and reduces the deficit in the next ten years and beyond
- Accomplishes this by tightening current health tax incentives etc.
- The bill also includes a fee on insurance companies when they sell high cost health insurance plans
Maureen "Shawn" Kennedy, MA, RN - Editorial Director and Interim Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Nursing.
Money for advanced practice and general nurse education.

Grant program for innovative safety net programs

More NPs will go into private practice
SUSAN HASSMILLER, PHD, RN - THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION SENIOR NURSING ADVISOR:
Expanding primary care services
Insuring millions more people
Different approaches to how we deliver primary care
Learning from experience in Massachusetts
certified nurse midwives (CNMs) paid same as physicians for Medicare B patients
Prevention-oriented (and chronic disease management) model more than a sick care model
MS. REBECCA PATTON, MSN, RN, CNOR
PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (ANA)
Increased access to affordable, high-quality healthcare
Insurance coverage for more than 30 million more Americans
Nursing education and retention
Improve patient access by strengthening and expanding the nursing "pipeline"
Battle for the removal of unnecessary practice restrictions on APRNs
Solution to the patient access and primary care challenges
Unhindered access to quality care.
Dr. Bonnie Pilon, senior associate dean for practice at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing
Definition of independence
Nurse-managed clinics
Vanderbilt directly employs over 400 APNs
DR. BONNIE PILON, DSN, RN.

- Conflict with organized medicine regulating our practice
- Funds for nurse-managed health centers
- Funds for primary care provider education
REFERENCES


