



Health Reform: Implications for Health Equity

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**“Once you begin a great movement,
there is no telling where it will end”**

President Ronald Reagan

Mental Health

1854
Bill for the
Benefit of the
Indigent Insane

1980
Mental Health
Systems Act

Minority Health

1865
Freedmen's
Bureau Act

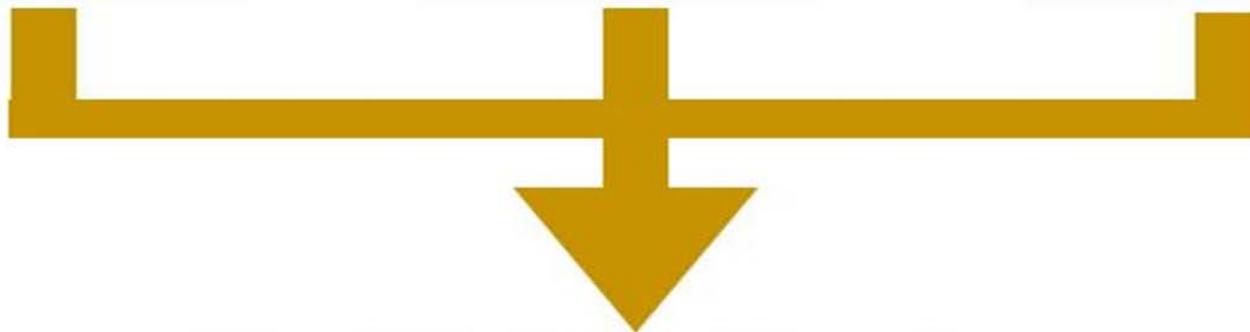
1990
Disadvantaged
Minority Health
Improvement
Act

Universal Health

1935
Social Security
Act

1965
Medicare/
Medicaid

1997
Children's
Health
Insurance
Program



The Affordable Care Act

Implementation of the ACA

- Expanded coverage
- Data collection & reporting
- Prevention & wellness
- Comparative effectiveness research
- Delivery system reforms
- Payment system reforms
- Workforce development
- Attack fraud and abuse



Selected ACA Health Equity Provisions

- Health Insurance Exchanges (incentives, navigators, and notices)
- Data Collection & Reporting
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Elevating Health Equity in the Federal Agencies
- Cultural Competency in Health Care Workforce
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
- Nondiscrimination
- Quality Measures

National Strategies to Address Health Disparities

- HHS Action Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities
- National Quality Strategy
- National Prevention and Wellness Strategy
- National Health Literacy Strategy
- Federal HIT Strategy
- National HIV/AIDS Strategy
- CMS Health Equity Plan

Comprehensive Health Reform in America: Advancing Health Equity

21st Century Cures Act



MACRA



ACA



ARRA



Marching Toward Health Equity, but the Struggle Still Continues, ... Intensifying



The ACA's 11th and Most Fatal Brush with Death?

The health reform law has had its major brushes with death and continual blows over the last 8 years, but this election proved to be the one that is putting the ACA in extreme peril.

Impact of ACA Repeal Proposals on Health Equity

Some Key Health Equity-related Programs in Jeopardy

Public Health Fund (REACH grant in jeopardy)

Offices of Minority Health

Comparative Effectiveness Research

Data Collection and Reporting

Section 1557 (Nondiscrimination)

Personal Responsibility Education

Beyond the ACA: Other Challenges and Opportunities

The President's 2018 Budget proposes major organizational changes and 2) funding reductions of 17.9% for HHS.

Reorganization of NIH's Institutes and Centers to focus on highest priority research and training activities.

New “draft strategic plan” for HHS negates references to health equity and the health disparities among minority groups ... negates racial and ethnic, LGBT, etc.

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CMS plans to lead the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation “in a new direction.”

Interested in testing models in the following eight focus areas—increased participation in Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs); **consumer-directed care and market-based innovation models**; physician specialty models; **prescription drug models**; Medicare Advantage (MA) innovation models; **state-based and local innovation, including Medicaid-focused models**; **mental and behavioral health models**; and program integrity.

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