



## MOVING FORWARD:

### 10 WAYS HEALTH REFORM IS HELPING AMERICA

- 1. Patients are no longer threatened with lifetime caps on coverage.** Families no longer have to make the hard choices of delaying care or facing bankruptcy.
- 2. Children with pre-existing conditions are no longer being denied coverage.** Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to children under the age of 19 because of a pre-existing condition or disability.
- 3. Young adults are getting covered on their parents' insurance.** Many medical students in Doctors for America are now covered thanks to this provision. Over 1.2 million people age 19-26 are eligible!
- 4. Medicare fraud prevention is getting ratcheted up!** \$350 million was invested in 2010 for enhanced efforts to prevent criminals from defrauding Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP – contributing to a record \$4 billion recovered in 2010.
- 5. People and communities are focusing efforts on preventing disease.** \$750 million in 2010 and \$500 million in 2011 have already gone to programs in tobacco cessation, obesity prevention, care coordination, behavioral health, and more in all 50 states.
- 6. Seniors (4 million of them!) are getting help with prescription drugs.** Seniors in every state got rebate checks in 2010. In 2011, they get a 50% discount on brand-name drugs in the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap – so they don't have to cut pills to make them last longer!
- 7. Hospitals are gearing up to improve quality and safety.** Medicare reimbursement changes in 2012 are getting hospitals around the country to step up efforts to prevent hospital-acquired infections and to keep people from landing back in the hospital within 30 days of going home.
- 8. Small businesses are getting help covering employees.** Up to 4 million small businesses that employ 16 million people are eligible for 35% tax credits on health insurance premiums right now. *Note: small businesses will not be required to buy insurance under the law.*
- 9. Insurance companies have a new cap on profits.** As of January 1, insurance companies have to spend at least 80% of premium dollars on health care. In the large-group market (big employers), they must spend at least 85% on health care -- so more of our premium dollars go to health instead of corporate vacations and CEO bonuses.
- 10. We are training thousands more health care providers to take care of the population.** \$320 million in grants is already boosting primary care residency programs, training physician assistants, and helping states create innovative plans for their unique health care workforce needs.

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Doctors for America is a grassroots movement of 15,000 physicians and medical students who are working together to improve the health of the nation and to ensure that everyone has access to high-quality, affordable health care. To learn more, visit [www.drsforamerica.org](http://www.drsforamerica.org).