



# **CBC HEALTH BRAINTRUST PRIORITIES AND BENCHMARKS**

**111<sup>th</sup> Congress**



# **CBC CORE HEALTH PRINCIPLES**

**I: HEALTH CARE IS A RIGHT**

**II: The time to eliminate healthcare and health status disparities/ achieve health equity is NOW.**

**III: Health cannot be achieved without addressing the social determinants of health**

**IV: A substantial fiscal investment must be made**



# CBC Health Priorities

- **Stop cuts to and expand Medicaid**
  - Up to 200% FPL
  - Have a standard benefits package
  - Cover early HIV treatment
  
- **Improve Medicare**
  - remove barriers to Medicare Part D
  - Remove waiting period for individuals with disabilities
  - Allow ADAP to count as “out-of-pocket”



# CBC Health Priorities

- **Implement a universal health care plan**
- **Ensure that health information Technology is widely implemented and tracks racial, ethnic and geographic health disparities.**
- **Expand access to and ensure cultural and linguistic competence in care**



# CBC Health Priorities

- **Provide full funding of Title VII and Title VIII to preserve and expand physician and nursing education and training programs.**
- **Protect the interests of African American health care providers and their practices**

# CBC Health Priorities

- **Strengthen public hospitals, health profession schools, CHC's and other facilities**
- **Improve health, well-being and health care of incarcerated/ex-offender populations, their families and communities.**





# CBC Health Priorities

- **Create and Implement an HIV/AIDS plan for the U.S.**
- **Provide full funding of a national plan with a domestic PEPFAR**
- **Expand and update the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative**

# CBC Health Priorities



- **Fair funding of an expanded Ryan White CARE Act with full funding for ADAP**
- **Pass and fund a strong Minority Health bill -HR 3014**
- **Pass an updated HEZ bill**



# H.R. 3014

## *Addresses Health Disparities Through:*

- **Culturally and linguistically appropriate care**
- **Health workforce diversity**
- **Data collection porting**
- **Accountability and evaluation**
- **Improvement of health care services**
- **Supporting our health institutions**
- **Health Empowerment Zones**
- **Programs reaching special populations**



# HEALTH EMPOWERMENT ZONES

- **Provides communities with the ability to effectively access existing federal programs to improve the health.**
- **Establishes a coordinating committee that provides technical assistance and evidence-based strategies.**

# The HIV/AIDS Elimination Act

- **Requires a comprehensive HIV/AIDS Policy**
- **Creates an Institute to identify barriers to HIV prevention and care**
- **Makes testing and counseling routine in Medicare and Medicaid programs**
- **Requires comprehensive prison and transition services**
- **Requires comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention education in schools**
- **Provides housing for runaway and homeless youth**





# HEALTH CARE REFORM CBC Benchmarks

# CBC Health Care Reform benchmarks

## The initiative must:

- **Apply equitably to American Indian tribes and the Territories.**
- **Make elimination of health disparities a central goal**
- **Extend to all legal residents**



# CBC Healthcare Reform Benchmarks

- **Engage communities in planning and implementation of reform**
- **Equally include mental and dental health services**
- **Create and expand diversity in the health care workforce**





# CBC Healthcare Reform Benchmarks

- **Protect the interests of African American health care providers and their practices**
- **Increase primary care providers, improve reimbursement and foster concept of medical homes**
- **Ensure that Health Information Technology (HIT) is universally accessible**

# CBC Healthcare Reform Benchmarks

- **Increase research that is community based, looks at the causes of disparities and includes minorities in clinical trials.**
- **Elevate NCMHD to an Institute**
- **Address the social, ambient and built environmental issues affecting health.**

