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The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009

- Money = Services
- Services = Assistance
- Assistance = Opportunities
- Opportunities = Recovery
What Does This Mean For Us

• Health Care Issues
• Research
• Children’s Issues
• Education and Job Training
• Aid to States
• Aid to Communities
• Miscellaneous Information
Health Care Issues

Community Health Centers
1.5 Billion - Modernization
500 Million - Provide Care

Prevention - Health Care
1 Billion – Prevention and Wellness Programs
COBRA

24.7 Billion 2009 – 2011

• 9 month 65% subsidy to jobless people to continue health care coverage

• 8.8 Billion – Increase Unemployment Benefit Compensation 25.00 per week

Transitional Medical Assistance

• 1.3 Billion - extend programs for 12 months

Qualified Individual Program

• 562 Million - Medicare Part B premiums for low-income and/or persons with disabilities through 12/2010
Modernizing Health Care System

19 Billion for Health Information Technology (HIT)
Research
NIH Funding
10.4 Billion Total Dollars

- 8.2 Billion – Total Scientific Research
  - 7.4 Billion – Institutes, Centers and Common Fund (CF)
  - 800 Million - Office of the Director
NIH Funding continued

- 1 Billion – Construction and Repairs
- 500 Million – Buildings and Facilities
- 300 Million – Capital Equipment
- 400 Million – Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER)
Children

Child Care and Development Block Grant
- 2 Billion - subsidized child care - quality improvement activities for infant/toddler care

Head Start
- 2.1 Billion Total/Two Years
  - 1 Billion – Head Start
  - 1.1 Billion – Early Head Start
Education and Job Training

Workforce Investment Act
• 3.95 Billion – Job Training/Employment Services

Individual with Disabilities Education Act
• 12.2 Billion – School Grants/Special Education
Vocational Rehabilitation
State Grants

- 680 Million
- 540 Million to States/2 year without the need of State matching funds (part B of Title I Rehabilitation Act)
Vocational Rehabilitation — continued

- 140 Million – Independent Living Programs
- 87 Million – Independent Living Centers
  - 18.2 – State Grants
- 34.3 Million – Older Blind Adult Services
Aid to States

Increased Federal Share of Medicaid (FMAP)
- 87 Billion covering 10/1/09 through 12/31/10
- 6.2 % increase for each state

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund
- 53.6 Billion to prevent cuts in education and other services
Aid to Communities

• Community Services Block Grant - 1 Billion - enactment

• Community Development Block Grant - 1 Billion - 2 years

• Public Housing Capital Fund - 4 Billion Total
  - 3 Billion distributed by existing formula to Public Housing Authorities
  - 1 Billion in competitive awards for improving energy efficiency
Miscellaneous Information

SS Beneficiaries, Veterans, Rail Road Retirees

250.00 - One-time payment (do not have to file an income tax return)

Work Pay Tax Credit

400.00 - individuals
800.00 - couples or 6.2% - earned income for individuals (which ever is less)
2009 Appropriations Bill

SAMHSA

- CMHS $58 million over 2008

- Summary: 2009 Labor, Health & Education
  Appropriations Consolidated Appropriations Bill
BILLS TO WATCH FOR ON CAPITOL HILL

• The Mental Health on Campus Improvement Act S.682 introduced 3/24/09 by Senator Dick Durbin (IL)

• The CLASS ACT S.697 introduced 3/25/09 by Senator Edward Kennedy (MA)
BILLS TO WATCH FOR ON CAPITOL HILL - continued

- Child Health Care Crisis Relief Act of 2009
  H.R.1932 introduced 4/2/09 by Congressman Patrick Kennedy (RI)

- The Combat PTSD Act H.R.952 introduced 2/10/09 by Congressman John Hall (NY)
Final Thoughts

• Unprecedented times
• Evolving; dynamic; fluid
• Continue to monitor

Thank you
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