



**ACOG Summary**  
**10 Ob-Gyn Related Funding Opportunities**  
**Health Reform Law**

**1.Patient/Caregiver Collaboration Program and Grants**

Program to facilitate collaboration processes between patients and caregivers that engage the patient in decision-making by providing the patient with information about trade-offs among treatment options, and facilitates the incorporation of patient preferences and values into the medical plan.

HHS will provide grants or contracts to develop, update and produce patient decision aids for preference sensitive care to assist the provider in educating the patient concerning the relative safety, effectiveness, and cost of treatment or, where appropriate, palliative care options; no specified amount authorized

The patient decision aids shall be required: to be designed to engage the patients; present up-to-date clinical evidence about risks and benefits of treatment options in a form and manner that is age-appropriate and can be adapted for patients, caregivers, and authorized representatives from a variety of cultural and educational backgrounds to reflect the varying needs of consumers and diverse levels of health literacy; and, to address healthcare decisions across age span, including those affecting vulnerable populations including children.

**2.Postpartum Depression**

HHS will

- conduct research into the causes of, and treatments for, postpartum conditions,
- create a national public awareness campaign to increase awareness and knowledge of postpartum depression and psychosis,
- research the causes, screening, and treatment of postpartum depression and postpartum psychosis, and
- establish grants to deliver or enhance outpatient, inpatient and home-based health and support services, including case management and comprehensive treatment services for individuals with or at risk for postpartum conditions; authorizes \$3 million for 2010 and such sums as necessary for 2011 and 2012.

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is encouraged, but not required, to conduct a longitudinal study from 2010 – 2019 on the mental health consequences, positive and negative, on women of resolving pregnancies, both intended and unintended, in various ways.

### **3.Cultural Competency**

Amends Title VII by asserting the goals of dissemination of research, demonstration projects, and model curricula for cultural competency, prevention, public health proficiency, reducing health disparities, and aptitude for working with individuals with disabilities training.

The bill creates grants for programs that aim to meet the goals mentioned above; no specified amount authorized.

### **4.Medically Underserved**

Any State may award grants to health care providers who treat a high percentage of medically underserved populations or other special populations in such State; authorizes \$4 million for each year 2010-2013.

### **5.Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Visitation**

Provides funding to States, tribes, and territories to develop and implement one or more evidence-based Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Visitation model(s) to reduce infant and maternal mortality and its related causes by producing improvements in prenatal, maternal, and newborn health, child health and development, parenting skills, school readiness, juvenile delinquency, and family economic self-sufficiency; authorizes \$100 million for 2010, \$250 million for 2011, \$350 million for 2012, \$400 million for 2013 and \$400 million for 2014.

### **6.Alternatives to Current Medical Tort Litigation**

Provides funding for state demonstration programs to evaluate alternatives to current medical tort litigation; authorizes \$50 million for a 5-year period beginning in 2011.

### **7.Sex Education**

Reauthorized the expired Title V, abstinence-only education \$50 million mandatory fund for states, through FY 2014. States are still required to provide a 75% match.

Provides \$75 million for a new comprehensive sex education program called the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP). Educational programs must include both abstinence and contraception and three or more adulthood preparation subjects.

## **8. Bundled Payment Demonstration Project**

Establishes a bundled payment demonstration project under Medicaid in up to eight states.

Participating providers would be eligible to share in the federal and state cost savings achieved for Medicaid and CHIP.

Establishes a Medicaid Global Payments demonstration in up to five states from 2010 to 2012, under which a “large, safety net hospital system” participating in Medicaid would be permitted to alter its FFS structure to a capitate global payment structure.

## **9. Accountable Care Organizations Under Medicare**

Allows the Secretary to recognize provider groups as ACOs under Medicare starting in 2012.

ACOs would be made up of providers (regardless of specialty) and suppliers that voluntarily meet certain quality and spending benchmarks.

Requires Secretary to set minimum threshold of savings relative to this benchmark that ACOs must achieve to be eligible to share in savings.

Permits Secretary to impose sanctions for ACOs that avoid at-risk patients to reduce cost growth.

## **10. Pregnancy Assistance Fund**

Authorizes \$25 million annually for ten years for a new pregnancy assistance fund, which requires the HHS Secretary (in collaboration with the Secretary of Education) to establish a grant program to states to help pregnant and parenting teens and women.

Grants are available to institutions of higher education, high schools and community service centers, a state’s attorney general, and/or to increase public awareness and education.

Institutions that receive grant funds are required to identify public and private providers, establish programs with providers to meet the specified needs (housing, childcare, parenting education, post-partum counseling) of pregnant or parenting students, assist eligible persons in locating and obtaining appropriate services, and make referrals for prenatal care and delivery, infant or foster care, or adoption.