

# The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590)(ACA) IMPACT ON ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

## HOW DOES THE ACA CHANGE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY?

- More people will have health insurance
- More people eligible for Medicaid coverage
- More people with employer-based health insurance
- More people with private insurance (Individual Mandate)

## HOW DO THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AID THESE CHANGES?

- Many Allied Health Professionals specialize in providing the services outlined and emphasized by the ACA.
- Allied Health Professionals can assist in efficiently serving the increased number of people who will be able to afford health care services.
- Allied Health Professionals are prepared to meet the changes in emphasis.
  - They have experience working in teams
  - They use valid and reliable outcome measures
  - They specialize in areas directly related to prevention, wellness, and management of chronic diseases
  - They work in out-patient, home health, and school-based settings

## WHAT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE DO ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

- Many Workforce and Funding Initiatives do NOT currently include MOST Allied Health Professionals
- Health Care Workforce Initiatives that DO include some Allied Health Professionals:
  - Geriatric Career Incentive Awards (Section 5305)
  - School-Based Health Centers (Section 4101)
  - Allied Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Program
  - Mid-Career Public and Allied Health Training Scholarships (Section 5206)
- Research funding should include Allied Health Professionals since they may increase quality/efficiency/effectiveness of service for a lower cost.

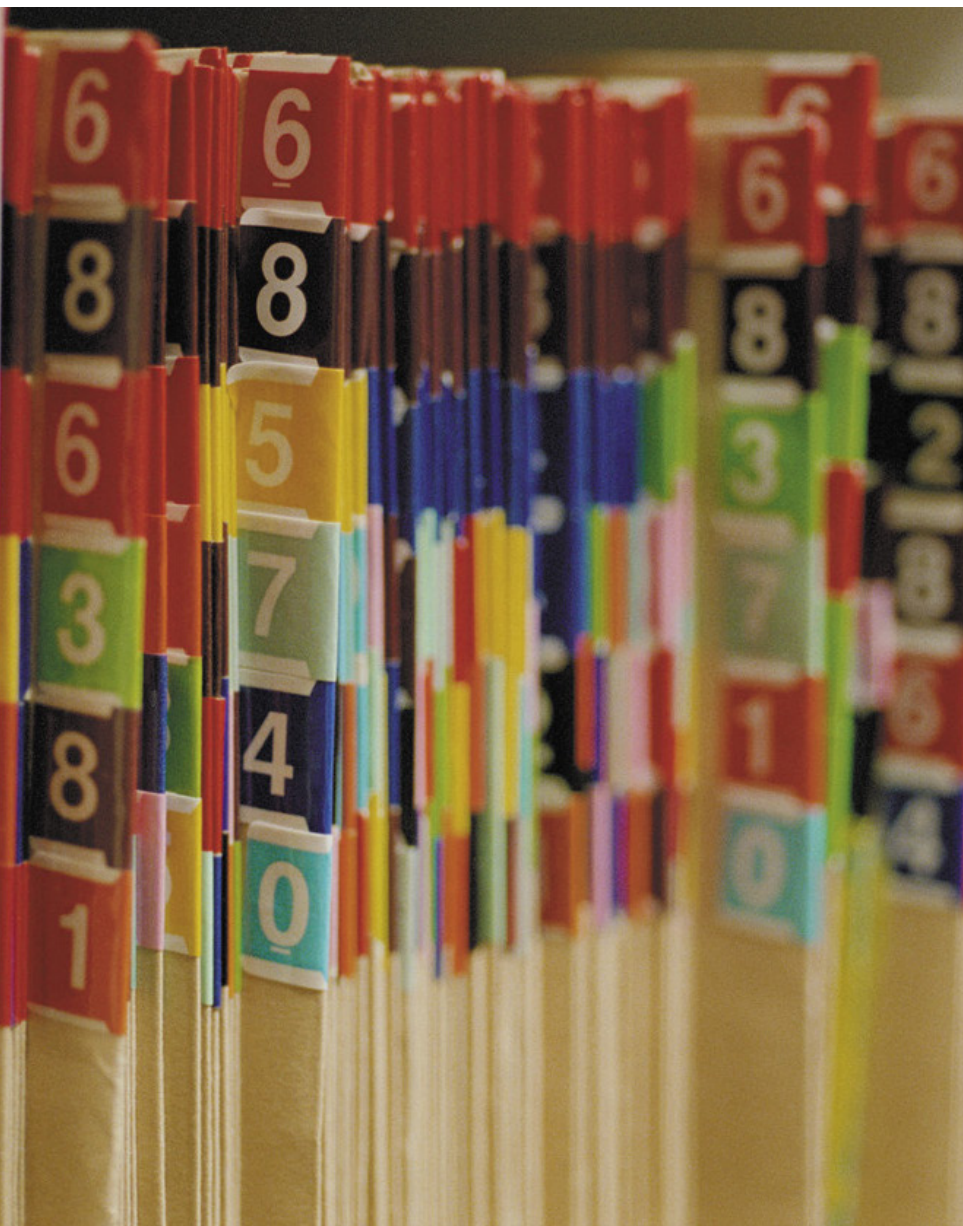
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Resources:

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