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1) RWJF Multicultural Newsroom Covers Health and Health Care Issues for African-American and Latino Communities

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has launched its Multicultural Newsroom, a dynamic online resource that aims to provide extensive health-related information for anyone involved in improving the health and health care of African-Americans and Latinos in the United States. Through a multicultural lens and bilingual messaging, the site presents information, images and videos on the RWJF work under way in African-American and Latino communities across the country.

<http://www.rwjf.org/multicultural/>

2) Health Reform and Communities of Color: How might it Affect Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities?

The major bills now pending before Congress include a number of key provisions that could either directly or indirectly have an impact on reducing health disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities. Racial and ethnic minorities represent only one-third of the total U.S. population, but they comprise more than 50 percent of the nation's uninsured. This issue brief examines some of the key provisions of health reform legislation that are likely to have a significant impact on people of color and also highlights the specific provisions of the proposed legislation that focus on health disparities. These provisions include efforts to expand access to health coverage through Medicaid expansions and health exchanges, as well as workforce development, expansions of community health centers and several

specific disparities provisions.

<http://www.kff.org/healthreform/8016.cfm>

3) Community Health Centers and Health Reform: Summary of Key Health Center Provisions

Conducted by the National Association of Community Health Centers, it summarizes key provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 that directly or indirectly impact community health centers.

<http://www.nachc.com/client/Summary%20of%20Final%20Health%20Reform%20Package.pdf>

4) Community Health Centers Lead the Primary Care Revolution

It's a fact sheet that shows how community health centers are prepared for the goals of the Recovery Act.

http://www.nachc.com/client/Primary_Care_Revolution_Final.pdf

5) Designating Health Professional Shortage Areas, Medically Underserved Populations, and Medically Underserved Areas: A Primer on Basic Issues to Resolve

This paper is to help interested parties consider issues related to the designation of MUAs, MUPs, and HPSAs. Paper includes narrative describing key issues and a table summarizing how the designations establish eligibility for programs important to rural medical care delivery.

http://www.rupri.org/Forms/Health_NPRM_Issues_August2010.FINAL.pdf

6) Opportunity for Youth to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health

Do you know any youth who are interested in using their experiences as a youth to eliminate disparities? The National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health (NNED)'s Advocacy and Community Engagement (ACE) Learning Cluster is looking to involve youth in their upcoming work. Members of this Learning Cluster are currently working on developing: an Adult Guide to Engaging Youth that will focus on how adults can better engage youth and a Policy Advocacy Guide that will serve to help communities incorporate youth voice. If you know a youth between the ages of 13-24 that has had personal experience as a mental health consumer and is interested in this opportunity please encourage them to fill out our brief application form by clicking at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACE_LC. Applications must be filled out by August 21, 2010. For more information please visit http://nned.net/index-nned.php/NNED_content/news_announcement/ace_lc_youth/.

7) Manual for Health Professionals to Talk with Clients about Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

This manual will help therapists/counselors create an environment where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, transsexual, two-spirit, intersex, and queer (LGBTTTIQ) clients feel comfortable identifying themselves as such. This will allow therapists/counselors to best assess the specific needs of LGBTTTIQ clients, engage these clients in a positive treatment process, develop specifically tailored treatment plans and make appropriate referrals.

http://www.camh.net/publications/resources_for_professionals/arq2/arq2.pdf

8) Health Insurance Coverage Status by Age, Race, Hispanic Origin, Sex and Income for Counties and States: 2007

The Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) program produces estimates of health insurance coverage for states and all counties. In July 2005, SAHIE released the first nation-wide set of county-level estimates on the number of people without health insurance coverage for all ages and those under 18 years old. In July 2010, SAHIE released 2007 estimates of health insurance coverage by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and income categories at the state-level and by age, sex, and income categories at the county-level.

<http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/index.html>