Co-Locating Primary and Specialty Care in Community-Based Mental Health Settings

**Summary:** Authorizes $50 million in grants for coordinated and integrated services through the co-location of primary and specialty care in community-based mental and behavioral health settings.

**Next steps:**
- On September 24, 2010, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the provision of $26.2 M for 43 community-based agencies for this program. Funds were provided from the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

**Additional information:**
- Millibank primer on integrated mental health care -- [http://www.milbank.org/reports/10430EvolvingCare/10430EvolvingCare.html](http://www.milbank.org/reports/10430EvolvingCare/10430EvolvingCare.html)
- CRS summary of Behavioral Health Programs in the Affordable Care Act -- [http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Issue_Spotlights&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=91887](http://www.nami.org/Template.cfm?Section=Issue_Spotlights&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=91887)

**Long summary:**
Sec. 5604. Co-locating primary and specialty care in community-based mental health settings.

Creates a new grant or cooperative agreement program for eligible entities to establish demonstration projects for providing coordinated and integrated services to special populations through the co-location of primary and specialty care in community-based mental and behavioral health settings.

**Use of funds.** Funds may be used for providing primary care services and the reasonable costs associated with referrals to specialty care. Up to 15% of funds may be used for information technology and facility modifications.

**Authorization.** Authorizes $50 million in FY2010 and such sums as necessary for FY2011-2014.
SEC. 5604. CO-LOCATING PRIMARY AND SPECIALTY CARE IN COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS.
Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 520K. AWARDS FOR CO-LOCATING PRIMARY AND SPECIALTY CARE IN COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SETTINGS.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible entity’ means a qualified community mental health program defined under section 1913(b)(1).

“(2) SPECIAL POPULATIONS.—The term ‘special populations’ means adults with mental illnesses who have co-occurring primary care conditions and chronic diseases.

“(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator shall award grants and cooperative agreements to eligible entities to establish demonstration projects for the provision of coordinated and integrated services to special populations through the co-location of primary and specialty care services in community-based mental and behavioral health settings.

“(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant or cooperative agreement under this section, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Administrator at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Administrator may require, including a description of partnerships, or other arrangements with local primary care providers, including community health centers, to provide services to special populations.

“(d) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For the benefit of special populations, an eligible entity shall use funds awarded under this section for—

“(A) the provision, by qualified primary care professionals, of on site primary care services;

“(B) reasonable costs associated with medically necessary referrals to qualified specialty care professionals, other coordinators of care or, if permitted by the terms of the grant or cooperative agreement, by qualified specialty care professionals on a reasonable cost basis on site at the eligible entity;

“(C) information technology required to accommodate the clinical needs of primary and specialty care professionals; or

“(D) facility modifications needed to bring primary and specialty care professionals on site at the eligible entity.

“(2) LIMITATION.—Not to exceed 15 percent of grant or cooperative agreement funds may be used for activities described in subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (1).

“(e) EVALUATION.—Not later than 90 days after a grant or cooperative agreement awarded under this section expires, an eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary the results of an evaluation to be conducted by the entity concerning the effectiveness of the activities carried out under the grant or agreement.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, $50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014.”.