Prevention and Public Health Fund

**Summary:** Establishes a Prevention and Public Health Investment Fund. The goal of the Investment Fund is to provide an expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs. This will involve a dedicated, stable funding stream for prevention, wellness and public health activities authorized by the Public Health Service Act.

**Status updates:**
- On April 5, 2011, the House Energy and Commerce committee voted out H.R. 1217, without amendment, by a vote of 26-16.
- On April 13, 2011, the President issued a Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) regarding H.R. 1217, stating his strong opposition and mentioning a planned veto.
- On April 14, 2011, the House passed, by a vote of 260-167, H.R. 1473. Section 1855 requires that all money transferred from this fund to discretionary accounts comply with Section 503 of Division D of P.L. 111-117, which prohibits funds from being used "for publicity or propaganda purposes."
- On April 14, 2011, the Senate passed, by a vote of 81-19, H.R. 1473.
- On April 15, 2011, the President signed H.R. 1483, making it PL 112-10.
- On June 23, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the availability of $10 million, with funds from this fund, to establish and evaluate comprehensive workplace health promotion programs.

**Next steps:**
- June 16 and June 18, 2010 – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in two press releases released on June 16 and June 18 announced a total of $500 M -- $250 M for health care workforce and $250 M for public health activities – as part of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which is the total amount of mandatory funding available for FY10.
- September 13, 2010 – HHS announced $16.8 M for 17 Public Health Training Centers, stating that $15.4 M is available from this new fund.
- September 20, 2010 – HHS announced funding made possible through this new fund for 94 projects totaling $42.5 million to state, tribal, local and territorial health departments to improve their ability to provide public health services.
- September 24, 2010 -- On September 24, HHS announced nearly $100 million in grants made possible primarily by the new fund. The grants will support a variety of critical public
health programs in states and local communities; everything from tobacco quit lines to HIV
testing to programs that help address and tackle substance abuse and mental health issues.

- September 27, 2010 – HHS announced $320 million in grants under the Affordable Care Act
(ACA) to strengthen the health care workforce, including $253 million to improve and
expand the primary care workforce under this new fund.
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- Distributing additional funds in outyears, including $750 M in FY11; $1 B in FY12; $1.25 B
in FY 13; $1.5 B in FY14; and $2 B in FY15 and each fiscal year thereafter.

Additional information:
- June 23, 2011 HHS press release re: $10 M for workplace health programs --
- Information on H.R. 1473 -- http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.112hr1473
- White House SAP --
- House Energy and Commerce press statement regarding committee activity –
- House Energy and Commerce press statement regarding subcommittee activity --
- Information on H.R. 1217 to repeal this fund –
  http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.112hr1217
- State by state breakdown of funds --
- Health and Human Services (HHS) September 27 press release --
- HHS September 24 press release –
- HHS September 20 press release --
- HHS September 13 press release --
- Health and Human Services (HHS) June 18th press release (regarding investments in public
health) -- http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/06/20100618g.html, including
  - Community and Clinical Prevention: $126 million will support federal, state and
    community prevention initiatives; the integration of primary care services into publicly
    funded community-based behavioral health settings; obesity prevention
    and fitness; and tobacco cessation.
- Public Health Infrastructure: $70 million will support state, local, and tribal public health infrastructure and build state and local capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks.
- Research and Tracking: $31 million for data collection and analysis; to strengthen CDC’s Community Guide by supporting the Task Force on Community Preventive Services; and to improve transparency and public involvement in the Clinical Preventive Services Task Force.
- Public Health Training: $23 million to expand CDC’s public health workforce programs and public health training centers.

  - Creating additional primary care residency slots: $168 million for training more than 500 new primary care physicians by 2015;
  - Supporting physician assistant training in primary care: $32 million for supporting the development of more than 600 new physician assistants;
  - Encouraging students to pursue full-time nursing careers: $30 million for encouraging over 600 nursing students to attend school full-time so that they have better odds of completing their education;
  - Establishing new nurse practitioner-led clinics: $15 million for the operation of 10 nurse-managed health clinics which assist in the training of nurse practitioners.
  - Encouraging states to plan for and address health professional workforce needs: $5 million for states to plan and implement innovative strategies to expand their primary care workforce by 10 to 25 percent over ten years to meet increased demand for primary care services.


Long summary:
Sec. 4002. Prevention and Public Health Fund.
Appropriates a total of $5 billion for FY10-14 and $2 billion for FY 2015 and each fiscal year thereafter for a Prevention and Public Health Fund to support prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs. Amounts in the Fund are to be transferred to accounts for programs authorized by the Public Health Service Act, such as the Community Transformation grant program, the Education and Outreach Campaign for Preventive Benefits, and immunization programs.

Legislative text:
SEC. 4002. PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.
(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to establish a Prevention and Public Health Fund (referred to in this section as the “Fund”), to be administered through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, to provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs.
(b) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, to the Fund, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—
(1) for fiscal year 2010, $500,000,000;
(2) for fiscal year 2011, $750,000,000;
(3) for fiscal year 2012, $1,000,000,000;
(4) for fiscal year 2013, $1,250,000,000;
(5) for fiscal year 2014, $1,500,000,000; and
(6) for fiscal year 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, $2,000,000,000.
(c) **USE OF FUND.**—The Secretary shall transfer amounts in the Fund to accounts within the Department of Health and Human Services to increase funding, over the fiscal year 2008 level, for programs authorized by the Public Health Service Act, for prevention, wellness, and public health activities including prevention research, health screenings, and initiatives, such as the Community Transformation grant program, the Education and Outreach Campaign Regarding Preventive Benefits, and immunization programs.

(d) **TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**—The Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives may provide for the transfer of funds in the Fund to eligible activities under this section, subject to subsection (c).