

TITLE III – PREVENTION AND WELLNESS

Sec. 2301. Prevention and wellness. Amends the Public Health Service Act by establishing a new Title XXIII and creating 10 new sections – Sec. 3111, 3121, 3131, 3132, 3141, 3142, 3151, 3161, 3162, and 3171 (described below).

SUBTITLE A – PREVENTION AND WELLNESS TRUST

Sec. 3111. Prevention and wellness trust. Establishes a Prevention and Wellness Trust that authorizes appropriations from the Public Health Investment Fund (under Sec. 2002) of \$35 billion from FY 2010 through FY 2019 to fund activities under Subtitle C (Prevention Task Forces), Subtitle D (Prevention and Wellness Research), Subtitle E (Delivery of Community-Based Prevention and Wellness Services) and Subtitle F (Core Public Health Infrastructure and Activities).

SUBTITLE B – NATIONAL PREVENTION AND WELLNESS STRATEGY

Sec. 3121. National prevention and wellness strategy. Requires the Secretary to submit a national strategy designed to improve the nation’s health through evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness activities within one year of enactment and at least every two years thereafter. The strategy must identify specific national goals and standards and establish national priorities for prevention and wellness activities.

SUBTITLE C – PREVENTION TASK FORCES

Sec. 3131. Task force on clinical preventive services. Converts the existing U.S. Preventive Services Task Force into the Task Force on Clinical Preventive Services. Staffed by AHRQ, this task force of non-governmental experts conducts evidence-based systemic reviews of data and literature to determine what clinical preventive services (e.g., preventive services delivered by traditional health care providers in clinical settings) are scientifically proven to be effective.

Sec. 3132. Task force on community preventive services. Codifies the existing Task Force on Community Preventive Services. Staffed by CDC, this task force of non-governmental experts conducts evidence-based systematic reviews of data and literature to determine what community preventive services (e.g., preventive services that are not “clinical preventive services” but are delivered by nontraditional providers in nontraditional settings) are scientifically proven to be effective.

SUBTITLE D—PREVENTION AND WELLNESS RESEARCH

Sec. 3141. Prevention and wellness research activity coordination. Directs the CDC and NIH directors to take into consideration the national strategy on prevention (under Sec. 3121), recommendations from the Task Force on Clinical Preventive Services (under Sec. 3131), and recommendations from the Task Force on Community Preventive Services (under Sec. 3132) in conducting or supporting research on prevention and wellness.

Sec. 3142. Community prevention and wellness research grants. Provides funding to CDC to support research on community preventive services.

SUBTITLE E – DELIVERY OF COMMUNITY PREVENTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES

Sec. 3151. Community prevention and wellness services grants. Establishes a grant program at CDC to fund the delivery of evidence-based, community-based prevention and wellness services across the country. Eligible entities include state and local governments, nonprofits, and

community partnerships representing Health Empowerment Zones. At least 50% of these funds must be spent on implementing services whose primary purpose is to reduce health disparities.

SUBTITLE F – CORE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

Sec. 3161. Core public health infrastructure for State, local, and Tribal Health Departments.

Establishes a grant program at CDC to improve core public health infrastructure at the state, local, and tribal level. Includes formula grants to state health departments and competitive grants for state, local or tribal health departments. Establishes a public health accreditation program for health departments and laboratories.

Sec. 3162. Core public health infrastructure and activities for CDC. Authorizes additional funds for CDC to address unmet and emerging public health needs.

SUBTITLE G—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 3171. Definitions. Defines various terms for the purposes of the new Title XXXI of the Public Health Service Act. Provides for transitioning the existing U.S. Preventive Services Task Force into the new Task Force on Clinical Preventive Services and for transitioning the existing Task Force on Community Preventive Services into the new Task Force on Community Preventive Services.