



## **HEALTH CENTERS AND HEALTH CARE REFORM: NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS**

*The Reconciliation Act of 2010 makes changes to Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Together, the Reconciliation Act and PPACA are considered the final health care reform package.*

### **THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS TRUST FUND**

The health reform package contains a total of \$1.5 billion in *new, dedicated funding* for the National Health Service Corps over five years. This funding will place an estimated 15,000 primary care providers in provider-short areas. The National Health Service Corps Trust Fund is in addition to existing discretionary funding, which was \$142 million in FY 2010.

<b>National Health Service Corps Funding, 2011-2015</b>				
<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>Trust Fund +</b>	<b>Discretionary Funding (est.)</b>	<b>Total Annual Funding (est.)</b>	<b>Total Annual Increase</b>
FY 2011	\$290 Million	\$142 Million	<b>\$432 Million</b>	\$290 million
FY 2012	\$295 Million	\$142 Million	<b>\$437 Million</b>	\$5 million
FY 2013	\$300 Million	\$142 Million	<b>\$442 Million</b>	\$5 million
FY 2014	\$305 Million	\$142 Million	<b>\$447 Million</b>	\$5 million
FY 2015	\$310 Million	\$142 Million	<b>\$452 Million</b>	\$5 million

### **PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES**

#### **Changes to Loan Repayment**

The award Corps members can receive is increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000, plus beginning in FY2012 the award amount can be increased annually by the Secretary to reflect inflation.

#### **Teaching as Eligible Service**

The health reform package allows Corps members to count up to 50% of their time spent teaching towards their full-time service obligation.

#### **Part-time Clinical Practice**

Corps members may satisfy their service obligation through part-time clinical practice (a minimum of 20 hours per week). The Corps member must enter into a written agreement to either double the period of obligated service or receive 50% of the full-time loan repayment amount.

### **PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION**

The National Health Service Corps is also reauthorized permanently under the Act. For FY2010-2015, the law authorizes significantly increased spending on the program and then for each succeeding year after that authorizes increases the authorization based a formula.