

Selected APHA-supported provisions in Senate Health Reform Legislation
(as passed by the House and Senate)

The bill will:

- Expand health insurance coverage to millions of uninsured Americans and would bar insurance companies from discriminating against people based on pre-existing medical conditions
- Create a dedicated funding stream for prevention, wellness and public health activities authorized by the Public Health Service Act
- Create an interagency council to develop a national prevention and health promotion strategy with the goal of promoting healthy policies at the federal level
- Provide affordability credits to assist with premiums for individuals and families earning up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) as well as a cap on total out-of-pocket spending for covered benefits
- Expand Medicaid eligibility to millions of low-income individuals
- Require Medicare and private insurers to provide first dollar coverage for highly rated, evidence-based preventive health services
- Expand the work and coordination of the Community Preventive Services Task Force and the Preventive Services Task Force to improve effective community-based and clinical prevention services and to improve dissemination of recommendations about effective interventions to public health departments, practitioners, policymakers, health systems and others
- Require federal health programs to collect and report data, for analysis, on race, ethnicity, primary language and any other indicator of disparity