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Preface

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Abbreviations

AFDC

OSHA PBGC

PBM

SAA

SSA

SSI

T&A

VA

TRICARE

Cost of living allowance COLA **CSRS** Civil Service Retirement System District of Columbia DC DOD Department of Defense Department of Defense Dependents Schools DODDS DOE Department of Energy Department of Labor DOL **Equal Employment Opportunity** EEO **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission EEOC** eligible metropolitan area **EMA** Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 **ERISA** end stage renal disease **ESRD** General Accounting Office GAO General Services Administration GSA Health Care Financing Administration **HCFA** Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO **HEHS** HHS Department of Health and Human Services HMO health maintenance organization HRD Human Resources Division, GAO Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program **JOBS** North American Free Trade Agreement NAFTA National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA National Health Service Corps NHSC National Institutes of Health NIH **National Performance Review** NPR **Nuclear Regulatory Commission** NRC Older Americans Act OAA Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, DOL OFCCP Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security OHA

Administration

time and attendance

pharmacy benefit manager state approved agency

Social Security Administration

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Aid to Families With Dependent Children

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DOD nationwide managed health care program

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, DOL

Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation

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Health

Selected Summaries

National Health Service Corps: Opportunities to Stretch Scarce Dollars and Improve Provider Placement (Report, 11/24/95, GAO/HEHS-96-28).

Overall, compared with the scholarship program, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) loan repayment program offers a better long-term investment of scarce federal resources to address shortages of primary care providers. Neither program appears to outweigh the other in terms of how well it directs resources to those areas identified as having the severest shortages. Technically, the scholarship program offers a better guarantee that providers will serve in the neediest shortage areas because it gives the recipients less freedom of choice in deciding where to serve. However, the available evidence suggests that generally little difference exists in the priority of the sites where scholarship and loan repayment recipients practice. Regardless of which approach is used, NHSC does not distribute provider resources as effectively as it could to alleviate health care needs in the greatest number of eligible shortage areas.

For more information, contact Frank C. Pasquier at (206) 287-4861.

Medicare: Enrollment Growth and Payment Practices for Kidney Dialysis Services (Report, 11/22/95, GAO/HEHS-96-33).

Medicare's costs for the end stage renal disease (ESRD) program have increased, primarily because the number of beneficiaries being enrolled in the program increased substantially. The annual rate of increase averaged 11.6 percent between 1978 and 1991. In addition to the increase in enrollment, the mortality rate for new ESRD patients decreased. Since the program began in 1973, technological improvements and a greater availability of dialysis machines have meant that persons who were not considered good candidates for dialysis in 1973—primarily those 65 years old or older and those whose kidney failure was caused by diabetes and hypertension—are now routinely placed on dialysis. GAO's review of medical services and supplies provided to all Medicare ESRD patients in 1991 indicates that no separately billable service or supply was provided frequently enough to make it a good candidate to be considered part of the standard dialysis treatment and thus included in a future composite rate.

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For more information, contact Thomas G. Dowdal at (202) 512-7119.

Ryan White Care Act of 1990: Opportunities to Enhance Funding Equity (Report, 11/13/95, GAO/HEHS-96-26). Testimony on same topic (4/5/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-126, and 2/22/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-91). Correspondence on same topic (2/14/95, GAO/HEHS-95-79R, and 3/31/95, GAO/HEHS-95-119R).

Established by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, the Ryan White program distributed more than \$579 million in fiscal year 1994 to eligible metropolitan areas (EMA) through title I of the act and to states through title II. The title I and II funding formulas result in variations in per-case funding for several reasons. The most important is that EMAS' AIDS cases are counted in both formulas. In addition, the indicators needed to target funds to states and EMAS are absent or inadequate. For example, GAO found evidence of large geographic differences in the cost of serving AIDS patients, yet neither the title I nor the title II formula takes these differences into account. Also, the title I formula targets funding to EMAS on the basis of their cumulative number of reported AIDS cases, yet over 60 percent of these reported cases have since died. As a result, the oldest EMAS receive the most generous funding, and newly emerging EMAS with more recent growth in AIDS cases receive less funding. Both title I and title II have a factor for targeting funds to states and EMAs based on their resources; however, the indicators used in these formulas are incomplete.

For more information, contact Jerry C. Fastrup at (202) 512-7211.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers: Early Results on Ventures With Drug Manufacturers (Report, 11/9/95, GAO/HEHS-96-45).

Some of the largest pharmaceutical manufacturers have recently merged or formed alliances with some of the largest companies that manage prescription drug benefits for health plans, called pharmacy benefit managers (PBM). They have merged or allied with PBMs because they believe that the PBMs' market power will help maintain the manufacturers' profits at a time when their drugs face increased competition. The role of PBMs in health care has evolved from simply administering prescription drug benefits for health plan sponsors to helping them contain their overall drug costs. Critics of the mergers and alliances have focused on how PBMs may help their drug manufacturer partners increase market share. GAO's review of changes in the formularies managed by Medco and

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Diversified Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., showed differences in the extent to which these PBMs have given preference to their respective partners' drugs. The changes in Medco's formulary that favor Merck drugs do not necessarily demonstrate that Medco automatically gave preference to Merck drugs without considering competitors' products.

For more information, contact John C. Hansen at (202) 512-7105.

Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers: Flexible Approach to Approving Demonstrations Could Increase Federal Costs (Report, 11/8/95, GAO/HEHS-96-44).

Contrary to the administration's assertion, the approved spending limits for demonstration waivers in Oregon, Hawaii, and Florida are not budget-neutral and could increase federal Medicaid expenditures. Only Tennessee's 1115 waiver agreement should cost no more than the continuation of its smaller, prewaiver program and, in fact, should result in savings. Overall, the net additional federal funding is small in relation to demonstration spending allowed under federal expenditure caps—likely fewer than 3 percent. However, federal Medicaid expenditures could grow significantly if the administration continues to show a similar flexibility in reviewing state 1115 financing strategies. Five waivers have been approved since Florida's in late 1994, and the large backlog of pending waivers includes three states with large Medicaid programs—New York, Illinois, and Texas. Additional federal dollars are available along with other funding sources identified in state waiver applications.

For more information, contact Michael F. Gutowski at (202) 512-7128.

Medicare Managed Care: Growing Enrollment Adds Urgency to Fixing hmo Payment Problem (Report, 11/8/95, GAO/HEHS-96-21).

Recently, enrollment of Medicare beneficiaries in health maintenance organizations (HMO) has grown rapidly and is concentrated in certain states and areas. Although Medicare HMOs have enrolled less than one-tenth of beneficiaries nationwide, since 1994 enrollment growth has exceeded 20 percent annually. As GAO has reported, for 10 years Medicare has used an HMO rate-setting method with several flaws. Specifically, because HMO payment rates are fixed—linked to the average cost of Medicare fee-for-service care—Medicare cannot lower rates through competition among HMOs or negotiate a share in any savings that HMOs

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achieve through greater efficiency. Also, HMO payment rates are not adequately "risk adjusted" to reflect cost differences deriving from beneficiaries health status. Although HMO enrollees typically have been healthier (and therefore less costly to care for) than average beneficiaries, Medicare has paid HMOs more than it would have for the same patients' care under fee for service. GAO has identified three promising strategies that Medicare with new legislative authority could use concurrently, tailoring strategies to market conditions prevailing in an area.

For more information, contact Scott L. Smith at (202) 512-5713.

Fraud and Abuse: Medicare Continues to Be Vulnerable to Exploitation by Unscrupulous Providers (Testimony, 11/2/95, GAO/T-HEHS-96-7).

Medicare is the nation's largest health payer. In 1994, the program spent \$162 billion on behalf of about 37 million elderly and disabled people. GAO estimates that fraud and abuse may account for as much as 10 percent of health care costs. The vast majority of Medicare providers seek to abide by program rules and strive to meet beneficiaries' needs. Nevertheless, Medicare is overwhelmed in its efforts to keep pace with, much less stay ahead of, those bent on cheating the system. GAO's recent investigations of Medicare fraud and abuse have implicated home health agencies, medical suppliers, pharmacists, rehabilitation therapy companies, and clinical laboratories, among others. They are attracted by high reimbursement levels for some supplies and services and few barriers to entry. Once engaged in profitable activities, they too often escape detection because of inadequate claims scrutiny, elude pursuit because of law enforcement authorities' limited resources and fragmented responsibilities, and face little risk of speedy or appropriate punishment.

For more information, contact Jonathan Ratner at (202) 512-7107.

Other Health Products

Medicare Transaction System: Strengthened Management and Sound Development Approach Critical to Success (Testimony, 11/16/95, GAO/T-AIMD-96-12).

Health Care Task Force (Letter, 11/9/95, GAO/GGD-96-45R).

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Education

Selected Summaries

Higher Education: Selected Information on Student Financial Aid Received by Legal Immigrants (Report, 11/24/95, GAO/HEHS-96-7).

According to Department of Education records, about 390,000 legal immigrant student received Pell grant aid in academic year 1992-93. This was about 10 percent of all students receiving Pell grants. In total, immigrants received \$662 million, or about 11 percent, of Pell grant aid in that year. GAO was unable to determine the total number of legal immigrants who received Stafford loans because citizenship data are not maintained in the Department of Education's loan files. However, some immigrants who received Pell grants also received Stafford loans that totaled \$257 million. About 82 percent of the immigrants who received student financial aid lived in seven states, led by California with 31 percent and New York with 25 percent. Sixty-one percent attended public colleges, 19 percent attended private colleges, and 21 percent attended proprietary (for-profit vocational) schools. The 100 schools with the most immigrant Pell grant recipients accounted for about 50 percent of all such students, and 91 of these schools were located in the seven states with the highest concentration of immigrant students.

For more information, contact Joseph J. Eglin, Jr., at (202) 512-7009.

Employment

Selected Summaries

Department of Labor: Senior Community Service Employment Program Delivery Could Be Improved Through Legislative and Administrative Actions (Report, 11/2/95, GAO/HEHS-96-4). Testimony on same topic (11/2/95, GAO/T-HEHS-96-57).

The Older Americans Act (OAA) requires the Department of Labor to award grants to national sponsors sufficient to maintain their 1978 level of activities. This requirement is commonly known as the hold harmless provision. Of the \$410.5 million appropriation for program year 1994, \$234.5 million was distributed under this provision. In applying this provision, Labor uses 1978 state-by state position allocation patterns. The

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remaining funds are distributed in accordance with current age and per capita income data to state governments and national sponsors. These allocation patterns limit Labor's ability to achieve equitable distribution among the states on the basis of actual need. Appropriations' statutes also affect equitable distribution. These statutes have required that no more than 22 percent of Labor's Senior Community Service Employment Program appropriation be allocated to state governments. Under Labor's regulations, expenditures that GAO believes to be administrative in nature may be charged to another cost category—other enrollee costs—thereby allowing the statutory 15-percent limit on administrative expenses to be exceeded. As a result, grant funds have been improperly allocated.

For more information, contact Lawrence J. Horinko at (202) 512-7001.

Other Employment Products

Federal Employee Redress: An Opportunity for Reform (Testimony, 11/29/95, GAO/T-GGD-96-42).

Military Equal Opportunity: Certain Trends in Racial and Gender Data May Warrant Further Analysis (Report, 11/17/95, GAO/NSIAD-96-17).

Job Corps Program (Letter, 11/9/95, GAO/HEHS-96-61R).

Federal Job Classification: Comparison of Job Content with Grades Assigned in Selected Occupations (Report, 11/6/95, GAO/GGD-96-20).

Social Security, Disability, and Welfare

Selected Summaries

Child Support Enforcement: States and Localities Move to Privatized Services (Report, 11/20/95, GAO/HEHS-96-43FS).

Facing budgetary and staffing constraints and increasing federal performance standards, state child support enforcement programs are struggling to serve their ever-increasing caseloads. As states confront the need to improve their services to the public, many are turning to the private sector to augment their child support enforcement programs. GAO presents in this report an inventory of ongoing and planned state contracts

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for locations services, collections, payment processing, and full-service programs as of October 1995. GAO found that one or more child support services are privatized statewide in 20 states and at the local office level in 18 states. GAO identified 21 contracts for full-service child support operations, about half of which are served by one of two major contractors. GAO also identified 40 other contracts for collections and related location services; four major contractors provide most of these services. Finally, nine contracts exist for payment processing services and eight contracts exist for location services only.

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Other Social Security, Disability, and Welfare Products

Thrift Savings Plan (Letter, 11/14/95, GAO/HEHS-96-66R).

Federal Grants to New Jersey (Letter, 11/8/95, GAO/AIMD-96-8R).

Veterans Affairs and Military Health

Selected Summaries

VA Health Care: Effects of Facility Realignment on Construction Needs Are Unknown (Report, 11/17/95, GAO/HEHS-96-19).

As part of the fiscal year 1996 budget, the President requested that the Congress appropriate \$514 million for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) major construction projects. These projects include the construction of two new VA medical facilities and major renovations at seven existing facilities. These projects would enhance VA's inpatient care capacity for veterans within designated target areas. The renovation projects would not, however, correct all deficiencies at the seven medical centers; these centers estimate that they need an additional \$308 million to correct the deficiencies. VA officials did not rigorously consider available alternatives to construction. GAO's analysis of project construction documents indicates that VA's construction contract award dates and costs would likely be significantly affected if funding for the construction of the projects is delayed until fiscal year 1997. According to medical center officials, veterans will continue receiving health care regardless of how long project funding is delayed.

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Other Veterans Affairs and Military Health Products

Fiscal Year 1996 va Certification (Letter, 11/14/95, GAO/HEHS-96-67R).

Hispanic Veterans (Letter, 11/2/95, GAO/HEHS-96-25R).

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Access and Infrastructure

For more information, contact Sarah F. Jaggar at (202) 512-7119.

Mammography Services: Initial Impact of New Federal Law Has Been Positive (Report, 10/27/95, GAO/HEHS-96-17).

Ryan White Care Act: Access to Services by Minorities, Women, and Substance Abusers (Testimony, 7/17/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-212). Report on same topic (1/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-49).

Employee and Retiree Health Benefits

For more information, contact Michael F. Gutowski at (202) 512-7119.

Employer-Based Health Plans: Issues, Trends, and Challenges Posed by ERISA (Report, 7/25/95, GAO/HEHS-95-167). Testimony on same topic (7/25/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-223).

Financing

For more information, contact Jonathan Ratner or William J. Scanlon at (202) 512-7119.

Ryan White Care Act of 1990: Opportunities to Enhance Funding Equity (Report, 11/13/95, GAO/HEHS-96-26). Testimony on same topic (4/5/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-126, and 2/22/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-91). Correspondence on same topic (2/14/95, GAO/HEHS-95-79R, and 3/31/95, GAO/HEHS-95-119R).

Community Health Center Grants (Letter, 10/11/95, GAO/HEHS-96-13R).

Medigrant: Florida (Letter, 10/2/95, GAO/HEHS-96-11R).

Medical Liability: Impact on Hospital and Physician Costs Extends Beyond Insurance (Report, 9/29/95, GAO/AIMD-95-169).

Health Insurance Portability: Reform Could Ensure Continued Coverage for up to 25 Million Americans (Report, 9/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-257).

Cost Factors in CARE Act Formula (Letter, 9/15/95, GAO/HEHS-95-256R).

Medigap Insurance: Insurers' Compliance With Federal Minimum Loss Ratio Standards, 1988-93 (Report, 8/23/95, GAO/HEHS-95-151).

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Health Insurance For Children: Many Remain Uninsured Despite Medicaid Expansion (Report, 7/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-175).

Health Insurance Regulation: National Portability Standards Would Facilitate Changing Health Plans (Testimony, 7/18/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-205).

Health Insurance Regulation: Variation in Recent State Small Employer Health Insurance Reforms (Report, 6/12/95, GAO/HEHS-95-161FS).

German Health Reforms: Changes Result in Lower Health Costs in 1993 (Report, 12/16/94, GAO/HEHS-95-27).

Biotech R & D, Reform, and Market Change (Letter, 12/15/94, GAO/HEHS-95-34R).

Hospital Costs: Cost Control Efforts at 17 Texas Hospitals (Report, 12/9/94, GAO/AIMD-95-21).

Health Care Reform Related Issues

For more information, contact Michael F. Gutowski, Rosamond Katz, or Scott L. Smith at (202) 512-7119.

Health Care Task Force (Letter, 11/9/95, GAO/GGD-96-45R).

Cost of Health Care Task Force Related Activities (Testimony, 3/14/95, GAO/T-GGD-95-114).

HHS Public Health Service Agencies

For more information, contact Bruce D. Layton, James O. McClyde, or Sarah F. Jaggar at (202) 512-7119.

Medical Devices: FDA Review Time (Letter Report, 10/30/95, GAO/PEMD-96-2).

FDA Drug Approval: Review Time Has Decreased in Recent Years (Report, 10/20/95, GAO/PEMD-96-1).

FDA Import Automation: Serious Management and Systems Development Problems Persist (Report, 9/28/95, GAO/AIMD-95-188).

Cancer Drug Research: Contrary to Allegation, NIH Hydrazine Sulfate Studies Were Not Flawed (Report, 9/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-141).

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Health Care Shortage Areas: Designations Not a Useful Tool for Directing Resources to the Underserved (Report, 9/8/95, GAO/HEHS-95-200).

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Immunization: HHS Could Do More to Increase Vaccination Among Older Adults (Report, 6/8/95, GAO/PEMD-95-14).

Health and Human Services: Opportunities to Realize Savings (Testimony, 1/12/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-57).

Long-Term Care and Aging

For more information, contact James C. Musselwhite or William J. Scanlon at (202) 512-7119.

Immunization: HHS Could Do More to Increase Vaccination Among Older Adults (Report, 6/8/95, GAO/PEMD-95-14).

Long-Term Care: Current Issues and Future Directions (Report, 4/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-109).

Aging Issues: Related GAO Reports and Activities in Fiscal Year 1994 (Report, 12/29/94, GAO/HEHS-95-44).

Long-Term Care: Diverse, Growing Population Includes Millions of Americans of All Ages (Report, 11/7/94, GAO/HEHS-95-26).

Managed Care

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Medicare Managed Care Growth (Letter, 10/18/95, GAO/HEHS-96-47R).

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Community Health Centers: Challenges in Transitioning to Prepaid Managed Care (Report, 5/4/95, GAO/HEHS-95-138). Testimony on same topic (5/4/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-143).

Defense Health Care: DOD's Managed Care Program Continues to Face Challenges (Testimony, 3/28/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-117).

Medicare and Medicaid

For more information, contact Kathryn G. Allen, Thomas G. Dowdal, or Barry D. Tice at (202) 512-7119.

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Medicare: Antifraud Technology Offers Significant Opportunity to Reduce Health Care Fraud (Report, 8/11/95, GAO/AIMD-95-77).

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Medicare: Excessive Payments for Medical Supplies Continue Despite Improvements (Report, 8/8/95, GAO/HEHS-95-171).

Medicare: Increased HMO Oversight Could Improve Quality and Access to Care (Report, 8/3/95, GAO/HEHS-95-155). Testimony on same topic (8/3/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-229).

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