

*Provisions designed to help recruit and train geriatric healthcare professionals, primary care providers, direct-care and family caregivers to meet seniors' care needs call for:*

- New grants enabling Geriatric Education Centers to offer courses in geriatrics, chronic care management and long-term care
- Expansion of Geriatric Academic Career Awards
- Federal traineeships to prepare individuals for advanced degrees in geriatric nursing, long-term care and geropsychological nursing
- Geriatric Career Incentive Awards for junior medical faculty pursuing academic careers in geriatrics.
- Training programs for direct care workers and family caregivers
- Redistribution of unfilled GME slots for training of primary care physicians
- Creation of a National Health Care Workforce Commission
- Increased funding for the National Health Service Corps

*Provisions to restructure Medicare payment and tie payment to quality to support essential elder healthcare, call for:*

- Bonuses for primary care practitioners, including those in geriatrics
- Re-evaluation of payments for physician services that are potentially misvalued
- Value-based purchasing programs and quality reporting and measurement initiatives

*Provisions supporting research and innovation, including promising new models of eldercare call for:*

- Establishment of an "Innovation Center" within CMS to test, evaluate and expand new provider payment models, including care coordination for targeted seniors at risk of functional decline
- Creation of a "Federal Coordinated Health Care Office" within CMS to coordinate benefits for dual eligible beneficiaries
- A Community-Based Care Transitions pilot program aimed at reducing preventable re-hospitalization.
- An Independence at Home demonstration program in which physicians and nurse practitioners direct home-based primary care teams that provide comprehensive, coordinated, accessible care to high-risk populations
- A Medicare Shared Savings Program that provides incentives for health care providers to work together to treat an individual patient across care settings
- Initiatives to track and reduce hospital readmission rates