

Grants Approved, 1999–2000

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Improving Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care

TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Abt Associates, Inc. \$172,349

The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance: Support for Program Direction and Analysis, 2000

The Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance is a national, independent, nonpartisan initiative established by The Commonwealth Fund to identify strategies to expand and improve health insurance coverage for America's workers and working families.

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Columbia University, \$358,793

Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health

Developing Workable Solutions for Improving Health Insurance Coverage for Working Americans

This project will provide the Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance with the analytic and technical capacity to compare and evaluate a range of solutions for expanding health insurance coverage for the working population.

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Economic and Social Research Institute \$204,628

Enhancing Employer-Based Coverage

This study will examine public and private initiatives to expand job-based coverage and inform public policy and business leaders about practical models for making health insurance more affordable for low-income workers and their families.

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Health Research and Educational Trust \$183,176

Rising Premium Costs:

Implications for Insurance

Coverage of Working Families

Using survey data on employer health benefit packages and insurance coverage over time, this project will assess how employers are responding to rising health costs, including premium inflation. It will also examine the adequacy and affordability of coverage for working families in both the employer group and individual insurance markets.

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Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. \$160,443

The Effectiveness of High-Risk Pools and Market Regulations in Insuring High-Risk Individuals

This project will assess the relative effectiveness of efforts by various states to improve coverage in the private insurance market and reduce the number of uninsured.

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**Project HOPE/
The People-to-People
Health Foundation, Inc.** \$202,653

Examining High Uninsured Rates among Hispanic Adults

To help explain why disproportionately high rates of Hispanics are uninsured, this project will analyze national databases and conduct focus groups to identify possible underlying job characteristics, perspectives on health insurance, or barriers to insurance coverage.

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The Urban Institute \$102,908
The Future of Employment-Based Health Insurance

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**PROGRAM ON
MEDICARE'S FUTURE**

Alliance for Health Reform \$164,026

Health Policy Briefings, 2000

The Alliance for Health Reform will continue to provide information on the latest developments in health policy through a series of eight briefings and a retreat for senior congressional health staff.

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The Commonwealth Fund \$50,000

Program on Medicare's Future: Support for Advisory Committee Oversight

This project will identify additional opportunities to support the Program on Medicare's Future, including coordination of policy forums to provide information on Medicare policy issues to congressional health staff.

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George Washington University \$348,313

Monitoring the Impact of the Medicare+Choice Program on the Elderly, Phase Two

This project will continue to monitor the impact of the Medicare+Choice program, under which Medicare beneficiaries can join managed care plans and other private arrangements. Project staff will identify steps to improve the plan selection process and better educate enrollees about their choices.

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Gerontological Society of America \$72,713

Improving Program Outreach to Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries, Phase One

This project will convene federal, state, and local health care policy experts and enrollment specialists to identify strategies for increasing the elderly poor's participation in Medicaid and related programs.

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Research Foundation of the City University of New York \$262,292

Providing Medicare Beneficiaries with Report Cards to Compare HMO Quality in New York City, Phase Two

During phase one, this project developed health plan "report cards" to help elderly Medicare beneficiaries in New York City make informed decisions when choosing a managed care plan. In phase two, the project will explore how training staff at senior services organizations can assist beneficiaries in using the materials.

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The Urban Institute \$500,508

The Commonwealth Fund Program on Medicare's Future Support for Program Direction and Policy Analysis, 1999–2000
Program direction staff will continue to provide analyses of major options for reforming the Medicare program, emphasizing the impact of policy changes on vulnerable beneficiaries, the needs of low-income and chronically ill elderly people, and changes in managed care enrollment.

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HEALTH CARE IN
NEW YORK CITY PROGRAM

Harvard University \$93,442

School of Public Health
Options for Improving and Expanding Small Business and Individual Insurance Subsidy Programs in New York
New York State has three programs to encourage small businesses and low income residents to purchase health insurance. This project will produce the first independent evaluation of these coverage approaches, as well as a potential model for extending health insurance to more low income New Yorkers.

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New York University \$181,625

Monitoring Emergency Room Use and Improving Access to Primary Care for Low-Income New Yorkers, Phase Two
During phase one, this project found that low income New Yorkers often visit hospital emergency rooms (ERs) for treatment that could otherwise be provided in a primary care setting. In phase two, project staff will visit hospitals to determine why facilities experience different rates of non-emergency ER use, identify promising strategies for steering nonemergency patients into primary care clinics, and target areas for primary care development.

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Statewide Youth \$95,833

Advocacy, Inc.*
Supporting Enrollment of New York's Uninsured Children into Medicaid and Child Health Plus
To bolster New York State's efforts to enroll its high number of uninsured children in Medicaid and Child Health Plus, this project will build a communications network among community-based organizations to promote coordination of their enrollment programs and information-sharing about effective child enrollment practices.

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United Hospital Fund of New York \$250,000

Evaluation of Medicaid Managed Care in New York City, 2000
Analysts at the United Hospital Fund, New York University, and Columbia University have tracked and evaluated the development of New York City's Medicaid managed care program for the past four years. Having compiled an extensive baseline of data, the project will now assess the impact of mandatory Medicaid managed care — begun in August 1999 — on patients, providers, and health plans.

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The Century \$18,000

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Children's Defense Fund*

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Planning a Seamless Medicaid/Child Health Plus Coverage System for Children in New York
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City University of New York Graduate Center*

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Committee for Economic Development

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Education & Research Fund of Employee Benefit Research Institute

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Greater New York Hospital Foundation, Inc.

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Implementing Family Health Plus: Lessons from Other States
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Health Research and Educational Trust

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Medicare Rights Center, Inc.

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National Institute for Health Care

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Management Research and Educational Foundation
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*Commonwealth Fund Health Services Improvement Fund Award

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Vulnerability to Out-of-Pocket Costs Under Medicare: A Women's Health Issue
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New York University* \$20,000

The Contentious Politics of U.S. Abortion Policy
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University of California, Los Angeles \$9,640

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University of Washington \$18,978

The Role of Public Policy in Maintaining a Market for Small Group and Individual Insurance
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Improving the Quality of Health Care Services

PICKER/COMMONWEALTH PROGRAM ON HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND MANAGED CARE

American Association of Health Plans Foundation \$204,903

Promoting Health Plan Collaborations to Improve Quality of Diabetes Care
Through collaborative efforts, health plans in three sites will seek to improve the quality of care for diabetic patients and, if successful, point the way toward similar efforts by other plans.
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American Public Human Services Association \$97,664

State Strategies to Enhance Quality of Medicaid Managed Care, Phase Two
In phase one of this project, the first national information on the quality of Medicaid managed care plans in 23 states was developed. Phase two activities will expand the effort to include more states, analyze variations in the quality of Medicaid managed care, encourage states to adopt effective strategies for improving quality, and develop funding to sustain activity in subsequent years.

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Center for Health Policy Development \$98,237

Improving Patient Safety and Reducing Medical Errors: Case Studies of State Reporting Programs
Through extensive interviews and a comprehensive review of policies and regulations, this project will evaluate medical error reporting systems currently used in four states. Findings will inform the development of effective solutions that could reduce the incidence of mistakes by doctors, nurses, and other health care workers.

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*Commonwealth Fund Health Services Improvement Fund Award

Foundation for Health Care Policy and Evaluation \$131,328

A Managed Care Plan Strategy to Improve Quality of Care for Low Income Patients

This project will collect information on quality of care and access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries and privately insured enrollees in United Healthcare managed care plans to reveal disparities in care received and identify contributing factors.

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Harvard Medical School \$150,085

Assessing Patient-Centered Care Provided by Managed Care Plans, Phase Two

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Health Research and Educational Trust \$151,497

Assessing and Reducing Medication Errors in Hospitals

To help hospitals adopt safer practices for prescribing and administering medications, a self-assessment tool jointly developed by the Health Research and Educational Trust and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices was recently distributed to all hospitals and health systems in the country. Follow-up with 1,000 hospitals will determine if they have used the tool and collect information on the state of medication safety practices nationwide.

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The Picker Institute \$323,336

Developing a Patient-Centered Quality-of-Care Survey for Physicians and Hospital Staff and Creating a Continuous Quality Improvement Tool

A survey of physicians and other hospital staff will be developed to help improve quality of care in such areas as patient–doctor communication, coordination of services, shared decision-making, and the physical environment of the hospital. The project will also develop methods to collect and report patient-centered care information back to hospitals.

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PROGRAM ON MANAGED CARE AND MINORITY HEALTH

Joan and Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University \$167,626

Cultural Competence in Health Care

The concept of “culturally competent” health care combines the tenets of patient-centered care with an understanding of how patients’ social and cultural influences can affect their interactions with the health care system and, ultimately, their health. This project will identify promising strategies to address culturally based barriers to care in order to help the health system respond better to the needs of minority patients.

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Michigan State University \$174,820

Improving the Effectiveness of Care for Minority Populations, Phase Two

In phase one, this project began to develop a report card on the quality of services provided to minority patients enrolled in managed care plans. In phase two, project staff will recruit six plans with large minority enrollments to collect and report data on a core set of health care quality measures related to preventive care, culturally appropriate care, and patient satisfaction.

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Stanford University \$201,245

*Worlds Apart: An Educational
Multimedia Project on
Cross-Cultural Health*

A documentary highlighting minority Americans' experiences with the health care system, together with a series of educational videos, will inform the medical community and the general public about the importance of cross-cultural understanding and communication in the provision of health services.

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**Summit Health
Institute for Research
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*Racial and Ethnic Data Collection:
An Assessment of Federal and
State Policies*

Heightened awareness of racial and ethnic disparities in health care has led to recent federal initiatives to reduce those inequalities, but implementation and assessment of the programs have been hampered by lack of data on patients' race or ethnicity. This project will evaluate government practices related to the collection of such information in order to inform policymakers and others committed to improving minority health.

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FELLOWSHIP IN MINORITY
HEALTH POLICY

**Harvard Medical
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*The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard
University Fellowship in Minority
Health Policy: Support for
Program Direction and Fellowships,
2000–2001*

The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy supports the development of professional and academic leaders by providing promising physicians in minority health with a one-year enriched course of study at the Harvard University School of Public Health. In the coming year, the fifth group of fellows will be selected.

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HEALTHY STEPS FOR YOUNG
CHILDREN PROGRAM

**Boston University
School of Medicine** \$125,047

*The Healthy Steps for Young
Children Program: Staff Training,
Implementation, and Materials,
Phase Five*

The Boston University team will continue to support the program by providing technical assistance to the Healthy Steps sites and training institutes to new child health providers, collaborating on the development of a multimedia training package, and disseminating the Healthy Steps approach through journal articles and presentations.

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ICF Consulting \$584,827

*The Healthy Steps for Young Children
Program Support for Program
Direction and Operations, 1999–2000*

The Healthy Steps for Young Children Program seeks to promote the knowledge, skills, and confidence of parents by expanding the capacity of pediatric primary care to provide child development services. The Healthy Steps approach has been implemented in practices across the country, and more than 150 clinicians have been trained to carry out program services.

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Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health \$772,429

National Evaluation of the Local Initiatives of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program, 1999–2000

The fourth phase of a five-year national evaluation of 15 Healthy Steps sites will include telephone interviews with parents, key informants, and Healthy Steps specialists; self-administered provider surveys; and medical records reviews. In addition to determining whether the Healthy Steps approach improves child health and development and parental and pediatric clinician knowledge, attitudes, practices, and satisfaction, the evaluation will measure program costs and consider the prospects for replicating Healthy Steps services more broadly.

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Building Support for the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program

Over the past six years, MEM Associates has assisted in the development and implementation of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program. Major activities this year will include promoting the Healthy Steps approach among physician residency training programs and finding sustainable support for selected Healthy Steps sites.

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ASSURING BETTER CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Center for Health Policy Development \$307,821

Building State Medicaid Programs' Capacity to Provide Child Health and Developmental Services, Phase Two

The ABCD program has initiated projects with state Medicaid agencies in North Carolina, Utah, Vermont, and Washington to test new models for delivering and financing child health and developmental services for low income families. In the coming year, project staff will work closely with the states, develop a consortium to foster innovation, and disseminate results nationally.

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FACCT, Inc. \$299,947

Understanding Medicaid Parents' Experience with the Health Care System

This project will survey Medicaid parents in four states to explore their experiences with pediatric clinicians and inquire about the types of support they would consider helpful for understanding and nurturing their children's physical and intellectual growth.

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Lake Snell Perry & Associates, Inc. \$55,400

Focus Groups with Parents of Medicaid-Enrolled Children Regarding Child Health and Developmental Services

To learn more about the experiences and opinions of parents regarding child developmental services provided through Medicaid, this project will conduct eight focus groups with Medicaid-enrolled parents of infants and toddlers in four states.

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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \$100,000

Building State Medicaid Capacity to Provide Child Development Services

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Northwestern University \$265,779

Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD): Support for Evaluation and Analysis

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State of Vermont, Agency of Human Services \$100,000

Building State Medicaid Capacity to Provide Child Development Services

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State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services \$99,400

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PICKER/COMMONWEALTH PROGRAM ON FRAIL ELDERLS

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging \$368,046

Evaluating the Wellspring Program as a Model for Promoting

Quality of Care in Nursing Homes

This evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the Wellspring Program, a new approach for improving care in nursing homes, and consider its possible value as a model for wider adoption.

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Center for Health Policy Development \$201,147

Supporting State Nursing Home Quality Assurance Efforts

Building on earlier work focused on quality assurance activities by states, this project will identify promising strategies and provide up to five states with technical assistance to improve their enforcement programs.

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Replicating the Elder Life Program: Preventing Delirium in Hospitalized Older Patients

Previous Fund-supported projects developed a highly effective program for preventing delirium, a common and serious source of morbidity and mortality among hospitalized older patients. This project will support efforts to replicate the Elder Life Program at up to 60 institutions.

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Evaluating the Replication of the Elder Life Program to Prevent Delirium

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PHYSICIAN FACULTY SCHOLARS IN AGING RESEARCH PROGRAM

Alliance for Aging Research \$102,913

Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program: Support for Annual Meeting and Promotional Activities, 1999–2000
Since 1994, the Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program has supported junior university faculty members in conducting aging research. The Alliance for Aging Research will organize the program's annual meeting and conduct related promotional activities.

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Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program: Support for Program Direction and Scholarships, 2000–01
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TASK FORCE ON ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTERS

Association of American Medical Colleges \$250,000

Monitoring Change in the Ability of Academic Health Centers to Achieve Their Missions, 1999–2000

This project will upgrade the Association's integrated database to link information about teaching hospitals, medical schools, and faculty practice plans. It will also continue to assess the impact of managed care on academic health centers.

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Georgetown University Medical Center \$244,259

The Impact of Managed Care and Public Policy Changes on the Missions of Academic Health Centers, 1999–2000

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Massachusetts General Hospital \$512,314

The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Academic Health Centers: Support for Program Direction and Analysis, 1999–2000

The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Academic Health Centers has made significant contributions to the nation's understanding of the importance of academic health centers (AHCs) and

the challenges they face. In the year ahead, the task force will continue to track AHC responses to market competition, identify the effects of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on AHC missions, and measure the quality of care provided by AHCs.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Jacobs Institute of Women's Health \$128,907

Second Annual Commonwealth Fund Conference on Women's Health

To attract national attention to issues identified by the Fund's Commission on Women's Health, the Jacobs Institute will convene a second annual conference, focusing on the quality of health care for women in the United States and the United Kingdom.

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Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning <i>Medicaid Working for Children: State Strategies for Finding and Caring for Lead Poisoned Children</i> Anne M. Guthrie, M.P.H. Director of Health Policy 2455 Dunmore Road Charlottesville, VA 22901 (804) 975-4078	\$25,000	Association of American Medical Colleges <i>The Herbert W. Nickens Memorial Fund</i> Jordan J. Cohen, M.D. President 2450 N Street, N.W., Suite 563 Washington, DC 20037-1127 (202) 828-0460	\$15,000	Gift of Life Foundation <i>Planning and Support for Diversity and Communication in Health Care: Addressing Race, Ethnicity, Language and Social Class in Health Care Disparities</i> Maria D. Lopes President 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 400A Landover, MD 20785 (301) 429-2300 mlopes@healthman.com	\$10,000
American Academy of Pediatrics, Inc. <i>The Pediatrician's Role in Tackling Inequalities in Child Health: A Joint Meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health</i> Thomas F. Tonniges, M.D. Director, Department of Community Pediatrics 141 Northwest Point Boulevard Elk Grove Village, IL 60009-1098 (847) 981-4723 ttonniges@aap.org	\$25,615	Boston University School of Medicine <i>Healthy Steps for Young Children in Child Care</i> Margot Kaplan-Sanoff, Ed.D. Director, Early Childhood Training Program 91 East Concord Street, MAT 5211 Boston, MA 02118 (617) 414-4767 sanoff@bu.edu	\$25,481	Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health <i>Does Doctor/Patient Race Concordance Improve Quality of Care for Minorities?</i> Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D. Associate Professor Department of Health Policy and Management 624 North Broadway, Room HH441 Baltimore, MD 21205 (410) 955-3774 tlaveist@jhsph.edu	\$25,000
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		FACCT, Inc. <i>Measuring the Quality of Health Services for Young Children</i> Christina Bethell, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A. Director of Research 520 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 700 Portland, OR 97204 (503) 223-2228 cbethell@facct.org	\$22,320		

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Assessing Nursing Home Residents' Satisfaction with Pain Management: Development of a Pain Priorities Instrument
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**Summation of Program Authorizations
Year Ended June 30, 2000**

	Major Program Grants	Picker Program Grants	President's Discretionary Fund Grants*	Total
Program Grants Approved				
Improving Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care	\$ 3,931,387		\$ 449,119	\$ 4,280,506
Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance	1,812,635		244,045	2,056,680
Program on Medicare's Future	1,397,852		105,074	1,502,926
Health Care in New York City Program	620,900		100,000	720,900
Improving the Quality of Health Care Services	6,051,436	2,281,716	657,722	8,990,874
Picker/Commonwealth Program on Health Care Quality and Managed Care		1,157,050	174,650	1,331,700
Program on Managed Care and Minority Health	634,846		84,902	719,748
Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy	791,000			791,000
Healthy Steps for Young Children Program	1,661,763		148,133	1,809,896
Assuring Better Child Health and Development Program	1,328,347		59,320	1,387,667
Picker/Commonwealth Program on Frail Elders		1,124,666	80,717	1,205,383
Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program	500,000			500,000
Task Force on Academic Health Centers	1,006,573		110,000	1,116,573
Women's Health Program	128,907			128,907
International Program in Health Policy and Practice	1,849,689		184,162	2,033,851
Improving Public Spaces and Services	300,000			300,000
Communications	421,734		61,000	482,734
Other Programs	669,908		238,908	908,816
Total Program Grants Approved	\$13,124,154	\$2,281,716	\$1,590,911	\$16,996,781
Program Monitoring				188,700
Grants Matching Gifts by Directors and Staff				243,408
Program Authorizations Cancelled or Refunded and Royalties Received				(270,451)
Total Program Authorizations				\$17,158,438

*Includes discretionary Commonwealth Fund Health Services Improvement Fund grants.

Information about Grantmaking

The Commonwealth Fund makes grants in its four major program areas:

- Improving the Quality of Health Care Services
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- description of the project's targeted audience(s)
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- total dollar amount requested from the Fund
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