

Grants Approved, 2001–02

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Improving Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care

TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Alliance for Health Reform \$182,108

Health Policy Seminars and Congressional Staff Retreat

The Alliance will conduct eight briefings and roundtables on important health policy issues, as well as a retreat for senior congressional health staff. Possible topics include Medicare reform, a Medicare prescription drug benefit, health care access for the uninsured, employer-based health coverage, and policies affecting Americans dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

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Columbia University, \$262,520

Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health

Examining Future Insurance Directions and Policy Options: Analysis and Technical Assistance for the Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance

This project supports the work of the Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance by examining options for incremental insurance reform and special issues related to workforce health coverage. The information informs the task force and state, local, and congressional leaders as they consider new programs and policies to expand health coverage.

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Emory University \$146,565

Developing New Options for Financing Cancer Care

Researchers will calculate how much money is spent in the United States on cancer care for privately insured patients and consider strategies to help cancer patients gain and retain affordable coverage. The project may prove to be a prototype for reducing patient cost burdens for other major medical conditions.

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George Washington University, Department of Health Policy \$151,834

Knitting Together Public and Private Health Insurance for Low-Income Workers
This project will provide analytic support to policymakers as they debate ways to provide coverage for U.S. workers who fall through the cracks of the public and private health insurance systems. Analyses will describe state experiences with insurance premium-assistance programs, the effect of job changes on access to employer coverage, and coverage patterns for minimum-wage workers.

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Health Research and Educational Trust \$206,646

Assessing the Promise and Peril of Defined Contribution Plans
With health insurance premiums on the rise again, some employers are seeking to control their health care costs through defined contribution plans, under which a firm establishes the dollar amount it will contribute to its employees' health coverage but not the level of benefits. This project will assess the current status and likely future of these new approaches, especially their impact on low-income and older, sicker workers.

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Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. \$193,989*Estimating Medicare Coverage and Benefits for Disabled Americans*

Medicare coverage is available to disabled adults under age 65 only after a two-year waiting period. Medicaid, meanwhile, is available only after virtually all income and assets have been exhausted. Project staff will examine the potential benefits of eliminating Medicare's waiting period; they will also assess the implications of expanding prescription drug coverage for elderly and disabled Medicare beneficiaries.

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National Hispanic Medical Association \$86,265*Reducing Health Insurance Barriers and Improving Quality of Care for Hispanic Populations*

Previous research sponsored by the Fund has documented the pervasive lack of adequate health insurance coverage and access to quality medical care within Hispanic communities. Two regional meetings and a national conference will bring together leaders from business, health care, government, and local communities to learn about the findings and explore public-private initiatives to improve Hispanics' health coverage and access to culturally appropriate care.

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New York Academy of Medicine \$70,159*How Internists Are Coping with Their Uninsured Caseloads*

This project will survey up to 1,500 internists in private practice to determine the extent to which their care for insured and uninsured patients differs, how they manage their limited resources to treat the uninsured, and how severely loss of health coverage disrupts the doctor-patient relationship. The American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine will cofund the project and provide in-kind staff support.

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Pennsylvania State University \$161,459*Evaluating Strategies to Fill Gaps in Health Insurance*

Counts of uninsured Americans usually include only those who are uninsured at the time of the study, not the millions more who have recently experienced periods without coverage. This project will examine losses and transitions in Americans' health insurance over a four-year period to produce new national estimates of the frequency, duration, and causes of long and short periods without insurance. It will also evaluate policy options for reducing or eliminating lapses in coverage.

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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \$85,979*Sustaining Individual Health Insurance Markets*

In New Jersey, enrollment in individual insurance has declined recently, despite the presence of state policies to encourage access to private insurance. This project will expand an existing survey funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to interview an additional 600 New Jersey policyholders with individual coverage. By comparing their experiences with those of group policyholders and the uninsured, the project will produce findings about the long-term viability of community rating and other regulatory efforts.

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The Regents of the University of California \$121,364*Estimating the Effects of Health Insurance on the Health and Financial Security of Working Adults*

Drawing on a randomized trial being conducted by the California Health-Care Foundation, this project will compare the health care experiences of newly insured employees one to two years after enrollment with the experiences of employees who remained uninsured. During the first phase, the research team will collect baseline information from insured and uninsured employees and recruit participants for follow-up surveys.

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<p>University of Southern Maine \$130,165</p> <p><i>Learning from State Health Policy Research and Evaluation to Inform Health Policy</i></p> <p>Centers for state health policy research and evaluation have sprung up over the last decade in response to state policymakers' need for better information. To facilitate development of state and federal health insurance reforms, this project will cull the best information from their work on insurance and access initiatives and extract cross-cutting insights and lessons.</p> <p>Andrew F. Coburn, Ph.D. Institute for Health Policy Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service Post Office Box 9300 Portland, ME 04104-9300 (207) 780-4435 andyc@usm.maine.edu www.muskie.usm.maine.edu</p> <p><i>President's Discretionary Fund</i></p> <p>Brandeis University \$31,789</p> <p><i>The Financial Consequences of Medical Debt: How Do Policies and Practices Exacerbate the Problem?</i></p> <p>Jeffrey Prottas, Ph.D. Director, Ph.D. Program Heller Graduate School of Social Welfare Waltham, MA 02454 (781) 736-3955 prottas@brandeis.edu</p> <p>Center for Health Policy Development \$28,539</p> <p><i>Stimulating New Developments in State Activity to Expand Access to the Uninsured</i></p> <p>Patricia A. Riley Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy 50 Monument Square, Suite 502 Portland, ME 04101 (207) 874-6524 riley@nashp.org</p>	<p>Education and Research Fund of Employee Benefit Research Institute \$6,000</p> <p><i>2002 Health Confidence Survey</i></p> <p>Paul Fronstin, Ph.D. Senior Research Associate 2121 K Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037-1896 (202) 775-6352 fronstin@ebri.org</p> <p>Employee Benefit Research Institute \$14,950</p> <p><i>Disseminating Proceedings of a Policy Forum on Consumer Driven Health Benefits</i></p> <p>Paul Fronstin, Ph.D. Senior Research Associate 2121 K Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037-1896 (202) 775-6352 fronstin@ebri.org</p> <p>Grantmakers In Health \$10,000</p> <p><i>Supporting Grantmakers in Health Washington Briefing, 2001</i></p> <p>Anne L. Schwartz, Ph.D. 1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 452-8331 aschwartz@gih.org</p> <p>Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy \$25,000</p> <p><i>Employee Input into Health Care Cost Containment Choices</i></p> <p>Amy Lischko Assistant Commissioner 2 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116 (617) 988-3158 amy.lischko@state.ma.us</p> <p>Massachusetts General Hospital \$15,000</p> <p><i>State-level Effects of Racial and Ethnic Characteristics on Access to Care</i></p> <p>Joel S. Weissman, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Medicine, Institute for Health Policy 50 Staniford Street, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02114-2696 (617) 724-4731 jweissman@partners.org</p>	<p>National Conference of State Legislatures \$50,000</p> <p><i>Bringing State Health Policy Leaders Together</i></p> <p>Kala E. Ladenheim Program Manager, Forum for State Health Policy Leadership 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 515 Washington, DC 20001 (202) 624-3557 kala.ladenheim@nclsl.org</p> <p>Princeton Survey Research Associates \$50,000</p> <p><i>Follow-up Survey on the Quality and Stability of Insurance</i></p> <p>Diane Colasanto, Ph.D. Vice Chairman 911 Commons Way Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 924-9204 diane.colasanto@psra.com</p> <p>Project HOPE/ The People-to-People Health Foundation \$5,899</p> <p><i>The Impact of Lapses in Insurance Coverage on Quality of Care: Does It Vary by Race/Ethnicity?</i></p> <p>Claudia Schur, Ph.D. 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 600 Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 656-7401 cschur@projecthope.org</p> <p>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \$14,998</p> <p><i>Conference for American Women in Politics: A Conversation on Health Policy in the States</i></p> <p>Margaret Koller Senior Project Manager, Center for State Health Policy 317 George Street, Suite 400 New Brunswick, NJ 08901 mkoller@cshp.rutgers.edu www.cshp.rutgers.edu</p>
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**HEALTH CARE IN NEW YORK
CITY PROGRAM****Children's Defense Fund** \$193,984*Planning a Seamless Health Insurance System for New York's Families*

This project will analyze discrepancies among New York State's public coverage programs for children and nondisabled adults and recommend ways to integrate them into a seamless system providing continuing coverage. Project staff will prepare issue papers and disseminate findings to policy leaders, plan officials, and child and family advocates.

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Columbia University \$91,015*A Small Business Coverage Initiative in New York City*

This project will assess the effectiveness of HealthPass, a two-year-old demonstration project in New York City that allows small businesses to offer employees a wide range of health insurance options and set a defined contribution toward coverage.

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The Commonwealth Fund \$216,045*Estimating the Costs and Consequences of Enrollment Instability in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Family Health Plus (subcontract with Kalkines, Arky, Zall & Bernstein LLP)*

Roughly half of New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Plus do not complete the eligibility recertification process and lose their health coverage within a year. This project will

develop case studies that document the human consequences of enrollment turnover, estimate the resources spent on current recertification processes, analyze the income dynamics of low-income families, and develop recommendations for simplifying New York's recertification rules.

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The Lewin Group, Inc. \$149,820**Developing an Electronic Application for New York's Public Insurance Programs*

The New York State Department of Health, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is developing an electronic application for children and adults that would simplify and expand enrollment in Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Family Health Plus. Under this Health Services Improvement Fund contract, the Lewin Group will provide technical assistance to that effort and recommend ways to achieve expected efficiency and enrollment gains.

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NuStats Partners LP \$95,000*Surveying Low-Income New Yorkers about Their Health Insurance and Access to Care*

Five years ago, The Commonwealth Fund and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation cofunded a multistate survey of low-income adults to assess their health insurance coverage and access to care, with a New York City extension supported by the Fund. To track changes over time, the Kaiser Foundation is supporting a new survey of adults in California, Florida,

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The Fund will expand the sample to include an additional 2,000 low- and moderate-income adults in New York City.

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United Hospital Fund of New York \$150,000*Evaluation of Medicaid Managed Care in New York City, 2001-02, Phase Seven*

For the past six years, 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. In this final year, the project team will synthesize the research and assess the program's past and likely future impact. A series of roundtables will shape recommendations issued in the final report. The project is cofunded by the Engelberg Foundation, New York Community Trust, Pfizer Foundation, and United Hospital Fund.

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*President's Discretionary Fund***Coleman Associates** \$25,000*Reengineering Medicaid Community Offices*

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The Commonwealth Fund \$9,200

Health Coverage for Immigrants in New York State: An Update on Policy Developments and Next Steps
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Greater New York Hospital Association \$20,000

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New York University \$19,900

The Impact of Medicaid Managed Care on Physician Participation in Medicaid

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Health Briefing for New Public Officials, "Health Care in New York: A New Leadership Briefing"

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**PROGRAM ON
MEDICARE'S FUTURE****Medicare Rights Center, Inc.** \$83,702

*Medicare Facts and Faces:
Highlighting the Needs and Concerns of Medicare Beneficiaries*

The Medicare Rights Center has initiated a new report series exploring the difficulties Medicare beneficiaries face in obtaining access to affordable, comprehensive health care. This project will produce six new reports on such topics as beneficiary access to Medicare's home health benefit, instability in the Medicare HMO market, and affordability of outpatient care.

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Minnesota Department of Human Services \$300,000

Improving Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries' Enrollment in Medicare Savings Programs

As part of a five-state initiative and with support from a project office at Rutgers University, Minnesota will pursue systemic changes to expand federal programs aimed at assisting low-income Medicare beneficiaries, simplify application processes, and raise enrollment levels. The Fund's support is provided in collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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The National Council on the Aging, Inc. \$250,000

Benefits Check-Up: A National Demonstration and Evaluation to Help Low-Income Seniors Receive Health and Other Benefits

Benefits Check-Up is an internet application that screens low-income seniors for eligibility for public programs, including those that help pay health care expenses. A national demonstration will test whether the tool's usefulness can be enhanced by enlisting community-based groups to help low-income seniors with screening and enrollment. Cofunding is provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce and numerous foundations.

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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \$150,000

State Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs: Lessons for Design of a National Benefit, Phase Two

The first phase of this study revealed that state pharmacy programs provide some elderly Medicare beneficiaries with limited access to affordable prescription drugs. In the second phase, project staff will track the evolution of state pharmacy programs and analyze emerging approaches for providing affordable prescription drugs, such as discount programs and state purchasing cooperatives.

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**Rutgers, The State
University of New Jersey** \$99,527*Technical Assistance for
State Enrollment Solutions*

Despite high out-of-pocket health care expenses, many low-income Medicare beneficiaries do not participate in federal programs intended to provide them with financial support. The Fund will partner with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in a national initiative to help up to five states pursue systemic changes to expand these programs, simplify application processes, and raise enrollment levels. Project staff will provide grantees with technical assistance.

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University of Maryland \$276,856*Addressing the Costs and Quality of
Prescription Drug Coverage for Medicare
Beneficiaries, Phase Two*

Public debate on the addition of a prescription drug benefit to Medicare will intensify as Congress grapples with proposals that differ in their generosity, eligibility requirements, and administration. This project will produce rapid analysis of costs associated with legislative proposals and track current drug coverage for key Medicare subgroups.

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Urban Institute \$405,210*Program on Medicare's Future,
Support for Program Direction and
Policy Analysis, 2002–03*

The Fund's Program on Medicare's Future is a source of independent, authoritative analysis to help weigh the major options for restructuring Medicare, especially their potential impact on the low-income elderly, the chronically ill, and other vulnerable beneficiaries. Program staff will focus on further development of a "high option" Medicare benefit package, managed care's ability to limit beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs, the infrastructure needed for a prescription drug benefit, and modernization of Medicare's fee-for-service component.

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*President's Discretionary Fund***Center for Medicare
Advocacy, Inc.** \$50,000*Developing a Coordinated Care
Benefit in Traditional Medicare:
A National Conference*

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Georgetown University \$36,582*Pharmacy Benefit Management
Appeals Processes and Their Implications
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**Mount Sinai School
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Seminar Series on Medicare*

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**National Council
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Benefits Check-Up Database*

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University of Maryland \$25,000**High Tech-High Touch:**Making the Connections to Improve
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University of Maryland \$9,784*New Cost Estimates for a Medicare**Prescription Drug Benefit*

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Improving the Quality of Health Care Services

HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Brandeis University \$304,600

Improving Post-Discharge Care for Surgical Patients: The Challenge of Cross-Organizational Coordination

This project will test an intervention to improve continuity of care by creating a care team to include all providers caring for a patient undergoing knee or hip replacement surgery during a one-year period. At the end of the intervention, project staff will measure the impact on the patient's functional status, satisfaction with care, and the quality of provider coordination.

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Harris Interactive, Inc. \$335,600

A National Survey of U.S. Physicians about the Quality of Health Care

The Fund's 2002 National Survey of Physicians and Quality will explore the major quality-related problems that physicians experience in daily practice and obstacles that hinder their efforts to implement best practices. Findings will focus attention on doctor's perspectives on quality improvement and inform future activities of the Fund's Health Care Quality Improvement Program.

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Harvard School of Public Health \$135,773

Estimating the Cost and Impact of Improved Nurse Staffing in Hospitals
Using a database with information on nearly 800 U.S. hospitals, analysts will develop cost estimates for nurse staffing models and provide data on the savings achieved through shorter hospital stays, lower hospital-related morbidity, and fewer deaths. The findings would help clarify the business case for investing in nurse staffing reforms.

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Reducing Medication Errors and Improving Patient Safety in U.S. Hospitals, Phase Two

In its first phase, this project identified priority areas where hospitals need to improve their medication safety practices. Phase two will bring together leaders in quality improvement and medication safety to develop curricula and tools for hospital staff, test the materials in 20 hospitals, and formulate a dissemination strategy.

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JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc. \$215,447

Quality and Continuity: Their Impact on Patient Care and Costs
By examining medical claims data for 175,000 patients over a five-year period, project staff will determine if it costs more to provide good care than bad care and how higher costs, if any, translate into lower health care spending and better outcomes in later

years. Project staff will also explore the impact for patients of stable relationships with their physicians.

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Massachusetts General Hospital \$300,267

The Commonwealth Fund Quality Improvement Colloquia

A series of colloquia will synthesize findings produced by Fund grantees and others on quality-of-care improvement strategies and recommendations for research and policy change. Two colloquia will be held each year on topics to include aligning financial incentives to support effective quality-of-care interventions, physician performance information, information technology, and learning collaboratives.

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Massachusetts Health Quality Partners, Inc. \$340,618 Picker Grant

Evaluating Patients' Experience with Care Received from Primary Care Physicians: A Demonstration Project

A statewide survey of 45,000 patients will inquire about care provided by 200 primary care physicians across all major health plans in Massachusetts, analyze the findings, and determine whether such a survey is a feasible way to gather consumer information. The questionnaire will be adapted from and integrated with the current version of the Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey (CAHPS).

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Thomas Jefferson University \$78,550

Exploring How Quality Enters into Health Insurance Purchasing Decisions, Phase One

Increasingly, employers and business coalitions are promoting the concept of value-based purchasing (VBP) in health care, or the use of economic incentives to encourage improvements in quality and patient safety. Through in-depth interviews with employers, insurers, and health care providers, this project will explore the degree to which VBP principles are influencing the health care sector and contributing to the promotion of quality in health care.

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University of Kentucky Research Foundation \$280,741

Picker Grant

Assessing Information Needs for a Quality Patient-Centered Referral

Focusing on five chronic health conditions, this Picker Program Grant will identify the information requirements of patients and doctors throughout the referral process and develop recommendations for promoting effective communication among a patient's doctors. The project will also produce and validate a survey instrument to assess patients' experience with the referral process.

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President's Discretionary Fund**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education** \$25,000

Training Residents to Use Quality Improvement Principles in Their Practice

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Legal Approaches to Improving the Business Case for Quality

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Improving the Adoption of Computerized Physicians Order Entry

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Midwest Business Group on Health \$42,600

Disseminating the Midwest Business Group on Health Report, "Reducing the Costs of Poor-Quality Health Care Through Responsible Purchasing Leadership"

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National Committee for Quality Assurance \$43,375

Developing a Consensus for a Core Set of Standards for Physician Directories

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Primary Care Development Corporation \$35,700

Achieving a New Standard in Providing Primary Care to Low Income Populations: Case Studies of Redesign and Change Using a Learning Collaboration Model in New York City

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**PROGRAM ON QUALITY
OF CARE FOR UNDERSERVED
POPULATIONS****Boston Medical Center** \$150,851*Assessing the Role of the Physician
in Child Health Disparities*

A four-state survey of pediatricians and family practitioners, an extension of a larger government-funded study of physician behavior and clinical discretion, will explore the impact of children's race and ethnicity on clinical decisions made by physicians and help uncover underlying reasons for differences in care. Project staff will convene a national conference to discuss the study results. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the California Endowment are cofunding this project.

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Brandeis University \$156,896*Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health
Disparities: States as Catalysts for Change*

As direct providers of care, regulators, purchasers, and policymakers, states are key to the success of any major health improvement initiative. This project will explore why states are not pursuing more concerted action on this front and develop and disseminate policies that state leaders and officials could champion and implement. Commissioned papers will detail various policy options, which project staff will present at national conferences and meetings of state legislators and health officials.

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The Commonwealth Fund \$100,000*Learning from Minority and
Low-Income Adults' Experiences with
Health Care and Health Insurance*

Up to ten papers will be commissioned by the Fund to analyze the results of two new Commonwealth Fund surveys for lessons concerning the experiences of people who face barriers in receiving care.

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New York University \$299,977*Evaluation of Remote Simultaneous
Medical Interpreting, Phase One*

Culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services are critical to the provision of quality care to the millions of foreign-born U.S. residents who do not speak English or have limited English proficiency. Preliminary studies indicate that Remote Simultaneous Medical Interpreting (RSMI), a new system providing remote simultaneous interpreting to doctors and patients through wireless headsets, can increase satisfaction among patients and their providers. RSMI may also improve diagnostic ability. A randomized control trial of RSMI at a New York City public hospital will evaluate the impact of RSMI on health outcomes and costs.

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Rand Corporation \$121,445*Evaluating Ethnic Disparities in
Patient Reports and Ratings*

Patient surveys have identified significant ethnic disparities in health care experiences, particularly among those whose native language is not English. Some policymakers, however, have begun to question the extent to which the disparities reflect actual differences in health care received, or simply differences in the way groups respond to the surveys. This project will evaluate the most widely used patient quality survey, the Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey (CAHPS), to determine the validity of comparing reports of patients from different ethnic/language groups.

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**The Regents of the
University of California** \$389,379*Improving Chronic Disease
Management for Populations with
Low Functional Health Literacy and
Language Barriers, Phase One*

This project will test disease management strategies tailored to the literacy and language needs of patients with diabetes at a public hospital.

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University of Rochester \$264,383*Understanding Racial Differences
in Access to Quality Cardiac Surgeries*

This project will analyze data for Medicare beneficiaries in New York State who underwent coronary artery bypass graft surgery to identify factors associated with referral to poorer-outcome surgeons and facilities and interventions to improve cardiac care for minority patients.

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*President's Discretionary Fund***Beth Israel Deaconess** \$25,000**Medical Center***Quality of Care for Limited English
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**Center for Health Care
Strategies, Inc.** \$5,000*Fact Sheets on Health Literacy*

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FACCT, Inc. \$25,000*Interpretation of Quality Measures
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**Health Research and
Educational Trust** \$42,500*Eliminating Disparities through**Provider and Community Partnerships*

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**National Academy of
Sciences, Institute of Medicine** \$35,073*The Institute of Medicine Workshop on**Health Literacy in the Health Care Setting*

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**State University of
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Medical Center** \$25,000*The Third National Conference on
Quality Health Care for Culturally**Diverse Populations*

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**Society of General
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**Summit Health Institute for
Research and Education, Inc.** \$15,500*Congressional Briefing: The Importance
of Data in Reducing Health Disparities*

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**FELLOWSHIP IN MINORITY
HEALTH POLICY****President and Fellows** \$880,000
of Harvard College*The Commonwealth Fund / Harvard
University Fellowship in Minority Health**Policy: Support for Program Direction
and Fellowships, 2002-03*

The Fellowship in Minority Health Policy addresses the need for dedicated physicians who can lead efforts to improve health care access and quality for minority populations. The

fellowship program provides young physicians with an intensive year of coursework in health policy, public health, and management at the Harvard School of Public Health or John F. Kennedy School of Government, as well as special program activities. In the coming year, the program will select a seventh group of fellows while providing current fellows with an enriched course of study, career development, and program evaluation.

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**HEALTHY STEPS FOR
YOUNG CHILDREN PROGRAM****Columbia University** \$375,025

Evaluating an Intervention to Promote Child Development for Vulnerable Young Children and Families
Young children who live in poverty, cope with stressful family circumstances, and receive inadequate medical care are at risk for serious health and developmental problems. Using evaluation data from the Fund's Healthy Steps for Young Children Program, this project will conduct analyses and publish reports on how pediatric care can promote health and development for vulnerable children.

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ICF Incorporated \$399,990

Healthy Steps for Young Children Program: Support for Program Direction and Operations, 2001-02
To date, more than 8,000 young children have received the enhanced primary care services of Healthy Steps. Currently, 17 of the original 24 sites are in operation, and 11 new sites offer the program. Over the coming year, the national program office will focus on sustaining the sites, exploring private insurance reimbursement options, and coordinating the work of the Healthy Steps national advisory committee and local funder network. Complementary activities will be cofunded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and interested givers.

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Johns Hopkins University \$200,000

Long-Term Follow-Up of Healthy Steps Effects for Parents and Children Ages 5 to 5 1/2, Year Two, and Maintenance of the Healthy Steps Sample for Follow-Up
A longitudinal follow-up study will analyze the effects of the Healthy Steps program through a survey of parents of participating children who have reached the age of 5 to 5½. More than 650 telephone interviews will probe parents' knowledge of health promotion and developmental and behavioral issues, child-rearing practices, and experiences with pediatric care. The project will also continue to track Healthy Steps families in the national evaluation.

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Johns Hopkins University \$595,698

National Evaluation of the Local Initiatives of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program
The six-year national evaluation of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program is nearing completion. The evaluation has sought to gauge the program's success in reorienting pediatric practice to emphasize child development and assess the cost-effectiveness of the Healthy Steps approach. This year, project staff will finish collecting and analyzing data and prepare a comprehensive report detailing results.

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MEM Associates, Inc. \$197,855

Building Support for the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program
Over the past seven years, MEM Associates has assisted in the development and implementation of the Healthy Steps for Young Children Program. This year, Margaret Mahoney will continue to chair the national advisory committee, shape strategies to ensure that Healthy Steps is sustained and diffused to new sites, and enlist the support of funding partners.

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**University of Illinois
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Evaluation of a Healthy Steps Residency Training Program
Twelve pediatric residency training programs have adopted a Healthy Steps curriculum in the past few years. This project will assess how residents' experiences with Healthy Steps have affected the continuity and quality of the pediatric care they provide while in residency training and post-residency attitudes, perceived competence, and practices regarding behavioral, developmental, and psychosocial pediatrics.

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**ASSURING BETTER CHILD HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM****Center for Health Policy Development** \$373,559

Building State Medicaid Programs' Capacity to Provide Child Health and Developmental Services, Phase Four
The Fund's Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) program is helping Medicaid agencies promote delivery of developmental services to low-income children through a consortium of Medicaid agencies in four states: North Carolina, Utah, Vermont, and Washington. In the third and final year, the Center for Health Policy Development will assist the state projects, evaluate costs and explore long-term financing options, disseminate results and tools nationally, and take steps to expand the consortium to additional states.

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Center for Health Policy Development \$100,000

Assuring Access to Preventive Child Development Services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program
Many health care services important to early childhood development are covered under Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) for low-income families. This project will identify states' needs for guidance on EPSDT implementation, create a handbook, and conduct a workshop

for state officials. Project cofunders include the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

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New York University \$175,840

Assuring Better Child Health and Development: Support for Evaluation and Analysis, Phase Three

In the next year, project staff will complete a three-year evaluation of the four-state consortium launched by the Fund's Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) program. The evaluation will determine whether the state projects have increased the number of developmental services provided to poor children, expanded parents' and pediatricians' knowledge of child development, and changed Medicaid policy to promote expansion of services.

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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \$100,000
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Building State Medicaid Programs' Capacity to Provide Child Development Services
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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services \$62,200

Augmenting the Local Evaluation of North Carolina's ABCD Project

In coordination with evaluators at New York University, North Carolina state officials will contrast the quality of pediatric care delivered at ABCD intervention sites and comparison sites.

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Building State Medicaid Programs' Capacity to Provide Child Development Services
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State of Washington \$17,130
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*Analyzing the PHDS at the Practice
Level in Washington State to Assess the
ABCD Project and Promote Improvement
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*Preventive Healthcare for Children:
Utilization and Adherence to
Recommendations.*

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**PROGRAM ON CHILD
DEVELOPMENT AND
PREVENTIVE CARE**

Boston University School \$325,881
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*Designing a Child Development
Curriculum for Pediatric Residency Training*
This project will develop a state-of-the-art, evidence-based curriculum and training approach for pediatric residency programs that addresses early child development. Project staff will refine the original Healthy Steps curriculum to reflect new research findings and priorities for care and test the materials at a new Healthy Steps residency training practice at the Boston University School of Medicine.

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Center for Health Care \$260,082
Strategies, Inc.

*Enhancing Child Development Services
in Medicaid Managed Care*
The leaders of up to 12 Medicaid managed care plans will design and implement pilot projects intended to strengthen plan incentives, processes, and management to meet the comprehensive health care needs of children and parents. After identifying interested health plans and selecting participants, project staff will assist plan officials in crafting their projects.

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FACCT, Inc. \$159,619*Developing a Provider-Level
Quality Performance Measurement
Tool for Young Children*

Building on previous work in quality measurement, FACCT will develop a tool to measure how well pediatric clinicians provide health care services for infants and toddlers and test the new instrument in two large pediatric practices that treat both commercially and publicly insured children. FACCT will work with the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Advisory Committee to achieve widespread dissemination of the survey instrument through federal and state child health programs, public clinics, and private practices.

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**The Regents of the
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Findings from the National Survey
of Early Childhood Health*

The 2000 National Survey of Early Childhood Health, administered by the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, assessed parents' experiences with and perceptions of their children's health care. With cofunding from multiple partners, this project will support the analysis and dissemination of survey findings through scholarly articles and policy briefs.

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**PICKER/COMMONWEALTH
PROGRAM ON QUALITY OF
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of Prospective Drug Management
on Medication-Related Problems
in Long-Term Care*

The Fleetwood Model, a prospective medication review process developed by the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, holds promise as for reducing errors, improving health outcomes, and lowering costs in long-term care facilities. This Picker Program Grant will support a randomized, controlled trial of the Fleetwood Model in 26 North Carolina nursing homes.

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University of North Texas \$189,142*Employee Empowerment
in Nursing Homes:**Evaluating the Impact of
Self-Managed Work Teams*

A two-phase project will implement self-managed work teams in five nursing homes as part of a controlled study to measure the impact of staff empowerment on job satisfaction, absenteeism, and turnover, as well as residents' quality of care. In phase one, project staff will introduce work teams in three nursing homes.

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**Delmarva Foundation
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Pioneer Network \$25,000*Third National Conference,
"Becoming a Champion of Culture
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University of Minnesota \$40,000*Culture Change and Organizational
Performance in For-Profit Nursing
Facilities: Preliminary Evaluation
of Culture Change Implementation
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TASK FORCE ON ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTERS

The Lewin Group, Inc. \$149,846
Assessing the Financial Status of Academic Health Centers and the Health of Their Missions, Phase Two
The project will continue to evaluate the financial health of academic health centers and their ability to fulfill their traditional missions. This year, project staff will analyze the impact of expected changes in national payment policy regarding teaching hospitals and estimate the financial impact of the final recommendations of the Fund's Task Force on Academic Health Centers.
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Massachusetts General Hospital \$499,485
The Commonwealth Fund Task Force on Academic Health Centers, Support for Program Direction and Analysis, 2001–02
In its final year, the task force will issue final recommendations to policymakers and academic health center (AHC) leaders regarding strategies to protect AHC missions of medical education, research, specialty care, and care for the poor. The recommendations will be

presented at a policy forum and published in a final report.

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The National Academies, Institute of Medicine \$60,000
Assessing the Role of Academic Health Centers
A two-year study of the financing and management of academic health centers will draw upon the extensive body of work conducted by the Task Force on Academic Health Centers. A final report on project findings and recommendations will be published in early 2003.

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PAUL BEESON PHYSICIAN FACULTY SCHOLARS IN AGING RESEARCH PROGRAM

Alliance for Aging Research \$143,640
Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program
Since 1994, the Fund has collaborated with the John A. Hartford Foundation to support the program. As of this fiscal year, the Fund will no longer support individual scholars but will remain as sole funder of the annual meeting in 2002 and 2003. The Alliance for Aging Research will organize the program's annual meeting and conduct activities to support scholars' development and dissemination of their work.

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International Program in Health Policy and Practice

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Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy, 2003–04
Through support of a sixth class of Harkness Fellows, the Fund will continue to develop promising junior policy researchers and practitioners from Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. This year, the program will be expanded to include policy briefings in Canada, the inclusion of two Canadian associates in seminars, and seminars featuring former Harkness Fellows in each country.

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The Commonwealth Fund \$172,700
International Symposium on Health Care Policy, Fall 2002
The Fund's fifth annual International Symposium on Health Care Policy will bring together policy leaders from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States to discuss national approaches to controlling pharmaceutical costs, aligning financial incentives to encourage quality, using evidence-based practices and information technology, and determining cost and quality trade-offs.

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President and Fellows of Harvard College \$389,651

2002 International Health Policy Survey
The 2002 International Health Policy Survey, the fifth in an annual series, will assess health care system performance from the perspective of adults living with a serious illness or disability in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Findings will be released at the Fund's 2002 International Symposium and submitted for publication in the journal *Health Affairs*.

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Johns Hopkins University \$120,340
International Working Group on Quality Indicators

The International Working Group on Quality Indicators is dedicated to improving the measures available for cross-national comparisons of health care quality. To date, the group has focused on developing recommendations for quality indicators to be collected in the five core countries of the Fund's international program: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Participation by the World Health Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has promoted synergy for expanding the collection of quality data by industrialized countries.

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

	Major Program Grants	Picker Program Grants	President's Discretionary Fund Grants*	Total
Program Grants Approved				
Improving Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care	\$ 4,260,212	\$ —	\$ 529,009	\$ 4,789,221
Task Force on the Future of Health Insurance	1,616,945	—	255,511	1,872,456
Program on Medicare's Future	1,747,403	—	164,938	1,912,341
Health Care in New York City Program	895,864	—	108,560	1,004,424
Improving the Quality of Health Care Services	8,440,248	1,563,223	747,126	10,750,597
Health Care Quality Improvement Program	1,629,652	621,359	282,706	2,533,717
Program on Quality of Care for Underserved Populations	1,482,931	—	209,043	1,691,974
Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowships in Minority Health Policy	880,000	—	—	880,000
Child Development and Preventive Care Program	3,594,694	—	75,377	3,670,071
Picker/Commonwealth Program on Frail Elders	—	941,864	160,000	1,101,864
Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholars in Aging Research Program	143,640	—	—	143,640
Task Force on Academic Health Centers	709,331	—	20,000	729,331
International Health Policy and Practice	2,138,128	—	214,800	2,352,928
Improving Public Spaces and Services in New York City	322,500	—	—	322,500
Communications	450,000	—	51,500	501,500
Other Continuing Programs	202,000	—	132,800	334,800
Total Program Grants Approved	\$15,813,088	\$1,563,223	\$1,675,235	\$19,051,546
Grants Matching Gifts by Directors and Staff				574,898
Program Authorizations Cancelled or Refunded and Royalties Received				(1,463,526)
Total Program Authorizations				\$18,162,918

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