
HRSA'S Budget for Eliminating Health Disparities

Virtually every HRSA activity is in some way related to the goal of eliminating health disparities. HRSA-supported programs strive to eliminate health disparities either by expanding health care access for vulnerable populations or implementing targeted health disparity activities that have a clinical or crosscutting focus. In reality, HRSA programs typically provide both health care access and targeted health disparity activities simultaneously, making it difficult to separate HRSA funds that are exclusive to access-related activities from those used to support targeted health disparity activities. Consequently, the Agency's access budget includes some funding also listed in the targeted health disparity budget and vice versa.

Promoting access to culturally competent, high quality health care that emphasizes prevention, self-care, and the provision of enabling services is a critical component of HRSA's work to eliminate health disparities. HRSA's budget in this area includes access-related activities that support local safety net providers, improve health care delivery systems, and increase diversity and cultural competence of the health professions workforce. The Agency's budget for access-related activities was 4.1 billion in FY 2000 and is expected to be approximately 4.3 billion in FY 2001.

Implementing targeted clinical or crosscutting health disparity activities is another way in which HRSA strives to eliminate health disparities. The Agency's targeted health disparity budget supports the six clinical areas related to the DHHS Initiative for the Elimination of Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health. This budget also supports six additional clinical or crosscutting areas that HRSA believes are critical issues that impact health disparities. The total budget for targeted health disparity activities was 2.1 billion in FY 2000. The Agency anticipates that this budget will increase to 2.3 billion in FY 2001.

HRSA's Budget for Access-Related Activities*

	<i>FY 2000 (millions)</i>	<i>FY 2001 (millions)</i>
HIV/AIDS Services	\$1,590	\$1,720
Primary Health Care Centers/ National Health Service Corps	\$1,160	\$1,210
Maternal and Child Health	\$ 873	\$ 869
Health Professions Training	\$ 342	\$ 298
Rural Health	\$ 77	\$ 73
Organ Donation and Transplantation	\$ 28	\$ 33
Telehealth	\$ 21	\$ 6
Community Access Program	\$ 40	\$ 125
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Total HRSA Access Budget	\$4,131 or 4.1 billion	\$4,334 or 4.3 billion
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*Access budget overlaps with targeted health disparity budget.

HRSA's Budget for Targeted Health Disparity Activities*

	<i>FY2000 (millions)</i>
HIV/AIDS	\$1,081.0
Infant Mortality	\$ 364.9
Diversifying the Health Care Workforce	\$ 328.1
Oral Health	\$ 104.6
Cardiovascular Disease	\$ 67.3
Mental Health and Substance Abuse	\$ 61.2
Diabetes	\$ 53.5
Cancer Screening and Management	\$ 32.2
Asthma	\$ 29.9
Immunizations	\$ 15.2
Cultural Competence	\$ 1.4
Domestic Violence	\$ 0.7
Total HRSA Targeted Health Disparity Budget¹	\$2140 or 2.1 billion

*Targeted health disparity budget overlaps with access budget.

¹ Funding for targeted health disparity activities related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations and people living near the U.S. - Mexico border is incorporated in the funds for each targeted clinical or crosscutting area.