



# Discretionary Spending in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care ACT (ACA)

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Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) reauthorized new funding for numerous existing discretionary grant and other programs and activities. ACA also created multiple new discretionary grant programs and activities and provided for each an authorization of appropriations. Funding for all of these programs and activities is subject to action by congressional appropriators. This report summarizes all the discretionary spending provisions in ACA that authorized appropriations for grant programs and other activities. A companion product, CRS Report R41301, Appropriations and Fund Transfers in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), summarizes all the mandatory appropriations in the new law. Among the provisions that are intended to strengthen the nation's health care safety net and improve access to care, ACA permanently reauthorized the federal health centers program and the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). The NHSC provides scholarships and student loan repayments to individuals who agree to a period of service as a primary care provider in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area. In addition, the new law addressed concerns about the current size, specialty...



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