

The Future of Primary Care: The Critical Role of Title VII Education and Training

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Overview

Insight worked with the Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Committee on Training and Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD) to develop a congressional report on preparing future primary care providers to meet the changing challenges of the U.S. population. Since 1999, ACTPCMD has advised Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 747 programs, including undergraduate- and graduate-level training of primary care providers, recruitment of underrepresented minorities and disadvantaged populations, and provision of high-quality healthcare to underserved communities.

The Future of Primary Care: The Critical Role of Title VII Education and Training, ACTPCMD's fourth Report to Congress, provided an overview of the challenges facing primary care providers and set out a roadmap to prepare the primary care disciplines to meet those challenges. Drawing from expert testimony, white papers, and direct research, the report outlined the challenges facing primary care providers: aging of the population, racial and ethnic diversity, chronic care management, disparities in care, costs of care, access to care, provider supply and demand, underserved populations, information technology, quality of care, and patient safety.



The report explained what was needed for the primary care workforce to address the rapidly changing challenges with six recommendations in support of the findings: (1) develop and disseminate educational innovations in the use of information technology; (2) integrate interdisciplinary team models; (3) develop interdisciplinary faculty team models; (4) encourage cultural competencies; (5) promote community collaboration and outreach; and (6) emphasize emerging populations needs, including patient safety, prevention, chronic disease management, genomics, and first-response strategies to public health hazards.

Products

Final report, *Preparing Primary Healthcare Providers to Meet America's Future Healthcare Needs* (2004)