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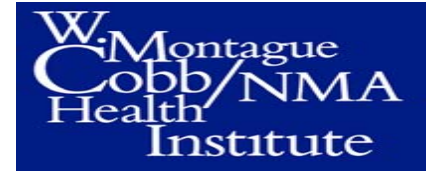
National Minority Quality Forum

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Mission and Vision

Mission

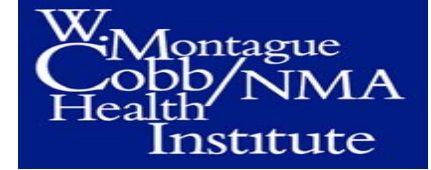
To develop, evaluate, and implement evidence-based strategies for the reduction of racial and ethnic health disparities that affect African Americans and others who are poor and underserved

Vision

to become the repository of information concerning the health of African Americans including:

Statistics, solutions to health disparities, and data on the African American physician workforce.

H.R. 3014



Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2007

Key Provisions

Requires the collection of data on race, ethnicity, and primary language

Reporting of data to the Secretary of HHS and key House and Senate Committees

Requires the Secretary to develop a national plan to ensure the collection of data in a culturally appropriate manner

H.R. 3014 (continued)

Provides technical assistance for the collection and reporting of data

Requires analysis of racial and ethnic data (including the development of new quality measures relating to racial and ethnic disparities in care)

Racial, Ethnic, and Primary Language Data Collection in the Healthcare System: An Assessment of Federal Policies and Practices (2001)

Authors: Ruth T. Perot and Mara Youdelman

- Collection and reporting of data on race, ethnicity, and primary language are legal and authorized under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

An increasing number of federal policies emphasize the need for obtaining racial and ethnic data.

General agreement prevails that racial, ethnic, and primary language data are critical to promote health and quality healthcare for all Americans.

Despite its importance as a tool for assessing the progress of stated goals, federal data collection is not uniform.

Relevant Initiatives

Characterize the practices of solo and small group minority physicians

Collection of race, ethnicity, and primary language data

Economic contributions

Practice, financial, and policy issues

Advocacy agenda

Relationships with existing community services

Relevant Initiatives

Unequal Treatment Revisited: Progress Towards Health Equity

Establish the status of health equity in the
US

Evaluate how health equity has been
defined

Provide recommendations for collection of
health disparities data



Questions??



Thank-you