



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

**ANALYSIS OF THE PRESIDENT'S FY2012 BUDGET:
IMPLICATIONS DISABILITY PREVENTION**

There are estimates that 15% of health care contributes to population based health with the much greater contributions to population based health from social determinants. Social determinants of health, defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are environmental factors that impact on individual and community health. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) FY2012 budget was analyzed with respect to priorities for the social determinants of health. The agencies within HHS that address social determinants include ten agencies.

Summary

The federal health care budget is estimated at \$2.6 trillion. The President's HHS federal budget for FY2012 was \$892 billion. Outlays of the budget were 54% for Medicare, 30% for Medicaid, and 6% for other programs and 10% for discretionary programs. Contained in discretionary measures were \$89 billion primarily for social determinants of public health where there is little or no medical reimbursement for acute medical care or clinical preventive services.

Disability Prevention Issue

The President's FY 2012 budget for social determinants of health is inadequate to prevent diminished health and disability of people in America. The Department of HHS purports to enhance the health, safety and well being of Americans by providing for effective health and human services. A central agency for provisions of social determinants of health is the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC. This agency provides the tools for health protection of people and communities. However, this agency received substantial cuts in the FY2012 budget which could have adverse impact of population based health related to social determinants that could contribute to disability.

Activity

There is ongoing activity to advocate for appropriate levels of funding for the social determinants of health as a priority in budget deliberations.

Principle

The federal government should adequately fund and provide effective oversight to implementation of programs of social determinants of health to prevent diminished health and disability.