

Men and Families Health Care Act

Establishing an Office of Men's Health at HHS

- Health Disparities
 - Men live sicker and die younger
 - CDC: Women are twice as likely to see a doctor before men
 - 1 in 2 Men will have cancer, 1 in 3 women
 - Men lead in 9 of the Top 10 Causes of Death
 - Life Expectancy
 - On average, men live 5 years less than women

- Office of Men's Health (OMH)
 - Why create it?
 - Build on the successes of the Offices on Women's Health
 - Fantastic job at improving women's health
 - Breast Cancer Survival Rate: Almost 90%
 - Health messages for women
 - Encouraging, prevention, screening
 - Coordinate / network government and private sector activities
 - What would it do?
 - Established in Health and Human Services
 - Education and Awareness
 - Coordination and Organization
 - Coordinate services and efforts currently undertaken by HHS, CDC, NIH, IHS, and other agencies
 - Networking office for the efforts of state & local health depts., pvt corporations, community organizations, religious institutions, etc.
 - What effects?
 - Health and quality of life improvement for men, boys, and their families
 - Budget Relief
 - Over ½ widows in poverty were not poor prior to husbands' death
 - Early disability and mortality is a drain on the Social Security system: GAO-03-387
 - Healthier Men = Lower Medicare Costs
 - Men and boys need health information programs
 - Socialized resistance to asking for help, work constraints, etc.

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