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March 21, 2010 -- American Academy of Family Physicians cites and praises the legislation’s increased funding for the National Health Service Corps and Medicaid payment rates for primary care services. Source: AAFP News Now

More U.S. Medical School Seniors to Train as Family Medicine Residents
March 18, 2010 -- The number of U.S. medical school seniors who will enter residency training in family medicine rose 9 percent over 2009, with several primary care specialties seeing an increase in positions filled.
Doctors Fear Work Caps for Residents May Be Bad Medicine
March 18, 2010 -- The workload of medical residents has long stoked controversy, especially since 2003, when they were capped for the first time to an average of 80 work hours a week to reduce fatigue and errors. Now that cap could be tightened to 60 hours.
Source: The Washington Post

Nursing Covering More Health Care
March 12, 2010 -- As the debate over health care legislation continues in Washington, advocates for nurse practitioners say it is primary care nurses who will make up for the shortage of primary care physicians and at the same time keep costs down.
Source: USA Today

Amid Calls for More Highly Educated Nurses, New AACN Data Show Impressive Growth in Doctoral Nursing Programs
March 5, 2010 -- Enrollment in doctoral nursing programs increased by more than 20% this year, signaling strong interest among students in careers as nursing scientists, faculty, primary care providers, and specialists.
Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing

New NACCHO Survey Shows Local Health Departments Lost 16,000 Jobs in 2009
March 2, 2010 -- New data being released today by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), illustrates the uphill battle that local public health departments are fighting as they struggle to provide Americans with basic services.
Source: National Association for County and City Health Officials

Proposed Health IT Certification Programs
March 2, 2010 -- Today the Department of Health and Human Services released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the Establishment of Certification Programs for Health Information Technology (Health IT).
Source: Health IT Buzz

Coming Soon: Part-Time Service Option
February 26, 2010 -- In March 2010, clinicians working part-time (20 to 39 hours each week, at least 45 weeks each year) at NHSC-approved facilities will be eligible to apply to the National Health Service Corps demonstration program for the Part-time Loan Repayment.
Source: HRSA National Health Service Corps

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Funding Opportunities
AHIMA Foundation Merit Scholarship Program 2010
Scholarship
The AHIMA Foundation offers merit scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students pursuing degrees in health information administration and health information technology.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: April 30, 2010
Sponsor: AHIMA Foundation
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Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial MSW Scholarship
Scholarship
Provides scholarship to master’s degree candidates in social work who have demonstrated a commitment to working with, or who have a special affinity with American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations, or in public and voluntary nonprofit.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: April 9, 2010
Sponsor: National Association of Social Workers
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Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment in Targeted Areas of Need - Technology Assisted Care
Grant or contract
The purpose of this program is to enhance and/or expand the capacity of substance abuse treatment providers to serve clients who have been underserved.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: April 27, 2010
Sponsor: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grants: Open Opportunities
HRSA has many workforce-related funding opportunities currently accepting applications, including:

- Basic/Core Area Health Education Centers & Model State-Supported Area Health Education Centers, Application Deadline: April 12, 2010
- Geriatric Academic Career Awards, Application Deadline: April 14, 2010
- Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities, Application Deadline: April 12, 2010
- HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP), Application Deadline: April 22, 2010
- Public Health Training Centers, Application Deadline: March 31, 2010
- Rural Health Workforce Development Program, Application Deadline: April 30, 2010
- Rural Training Track - Technical Assistance Demonstration Program, Application Deadline: April 30, 2010

Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award
Award (monetary)
The Jay S. Drotman Memorial Award was established to recognize the career of a promising young public health professional or student.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: April 30, 2010
Sponsor: American Public Health Association

NCPA Foundation Presidential Scholarship
Potential candidates will be evaluated by the NCPA Foundation Scholarship Awards Committee on the basis of leadership qualities and accomplishments with a demonstrated interest in independent pharmacy, as well as involvement in extracurricular activities.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: April 15, 2010
Sponsor: NCPA Foundation

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Health Insurance Reform at a Glance: Strengthening the Nation's Health Workforce
Identifies how the Senate health reform bill and reconciliation act would impact the health workforce. Covers primary care, nursing, the public health workforce, and more.
Organization: U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce
Date: 3/2010

The Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project: Supporting Mental Health Treatment in Primary Care
Describes a program in Massachusetts that addresses the shortage of child psychiatrists through providing assistance to primary care providers. Offers care coordination services, consultation, and referrals for health care providers as needed.
Organization: The Commonwealth Fund
Author: Holt W
Date: 3/2010

National Pharmacist Workforce Study 2009 Charts, Executive Summary
Provides an update on the demographic and work characteristics of the pharmacist workforce in the U.S. during 2009. Examines changes since earlier national assessments of the pharmacist workforce were conducted.
Organization: Pharmacy Manpower Project
Date: 3/2010

The Registered Nurse Population: Initial Findings from the 2008 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses Report Highlights
Initial report on the growth of nurses between 2004-2008. Includes comparisons from eight recurring surveys, 1980 through 2008. Covers educational background, practice specialty areas, employment settings, position levels, job satisfaction and salaries, geographic distribution, and personal demographics such as gender, racial/ethnic background, age and family status. Published every four years. A final report with the complete findings will be published in summer 2010.
Organization: Health Resources and Services Administration
Date: 3/2010

Unmet Needs: Teaching Physicians to Provide Safe Patient Care
Provides recommendations for reforming medical education in order to improve patient safety. A report of the Lucian Leape Institute Roundtable On Reforming Medical Education.
Organization: National Patient Safety Foundation
Date: 2010
Events

March 31, 2010  Recruitment and Retention Strategies for Multigenerational Healthcare Providers
Rural Health Resource Center
Teleconference
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April 15 - 18, 2010  36th Annual Meeting - Nurse Practitioner Education: At the Heart of Health Care
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC
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May 6 - 7, 2010  Sixth Annual AAMC Physician Workforce Research Conference
Association of American Medical Colleges
The Westin Alexandria
Alexandria, VA
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June 10 - 11, 2010  2010 National Leadership and Educational Conference
Institute for Diversity in Health Management
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
Chicago, IL
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June 10 - 13, 2010  2010 National Society for Non-Traditional Pre-Medical & Medical Students Conference
National Society for Nontraditional Premedical and Medical Students
The Holiday Inn-Chicago O'Hare Airport
Chicago, IL
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June 26, 2010  Annual AcademyHealth Health Workforce Interest Group Meeting
AcademyHealth
Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center
Boston, MA
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