NCHWA in Brief

• Created in 2010 by the passage of the Affordable Care Act\(^1\)

• Charged with developing information on the health care workforce and workforce related issues

• Resources are allocated in Federal budget; the Center budget for fiscal year 2011 was $2.8 million

• Close collaboration with many other federal units to collect and analyze data on supply, demand and use

\(^1\) Sec. 5103 of PL 111-48, which amended the Public Health Service Act Title VII.
NCHWA Mission

• To support more informed public and private sector decision making related to the health workforce through expanded and improved health workforce data, projections and information.

• To promote the supply and distribution of well-prepared health workers to ensure access to high quality, efficient care for the nation.
Key Responsibilities

• Improving data collection and analysis of the health workforce on a regular basis.
• Projecting future supply and demand for health occupations
• Identifying and monitoring key workforce trends
• Providing guidance to inform Federal and state workforce policies
• Assisting state health workforce data collection and analysis efforts
• Encouraging activities relevant to health workforce research
Current NCHWA Activities

- Promotion and implementation of a minimum dataset
- New integrated projection of supply/demand by specialty for physicians/nurse practitioners/PAs
- Expanded health professions data and reports, including a report on diversity in the health professions
- Continued technical assistance for states including a new state health workforce data base
- A new national sample survey of NPs
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