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#### Preface

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	ACR	American College of Radiology	
	AFDC	Aid to Families With Dependent Children	
	CHAMPUS	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services	
	COLA	Cost of living allowance	
	CSRS	Civil Service Retirement System	
	DC DOD	District of Columbia Department of Defense	
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- DOE Department of Energy
  - Department of Labor
  - Equal Employment Opportunity

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EEOC	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
ERISA	Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System
FSA	Family Support Act
GAO	General Accounting Office
GSA	General Services Administration
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
HEHS	Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HMO	health maintenance organization
HPSA	Health Professional Shortage Area
HRD	Human Resources Division, GAO
JOBS	Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program
MCO	managed care organization
MUA	Medically Underserved Area
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCI	National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NLRA	National Labor Relations Act
NPR	National Performance Review
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
OFCCP	Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, DOL
OHA	Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security
	Administration
PBGC	Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation
SAA	state approved agencies
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
T&A	time and attendance
TRICARE	DOD nationwide managed health care program
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs

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#### Most Recent GAO Products (October 1995)

#### Health

Selected Summaries	Mammography Services: Initial Impact of New Federal Law Has Been Positive (Report, 10/27/95, GAO/HEHS-96-17).
	Early indications are that the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 has had a positive effect on the quality of mammography services. A set of uniform standards, substantially the same as those advocated by the American College of Radiology (ACR), a private, nonprofit professional association of radiologists, is now required in all states. When the act was passed, the Congress was concerned that access to mammography services might be limited because many providers would choose to drop mammography services rather than upgrade operations to comply with the standards. GAO's work suggests that this does not appear to be the case. While some facilities have chosen to cease mammography services, the number that have done so is relatively small compared with the total number of facilities available to provide services. Those facilities that chose to stop delivering such services were generally small-volume providers located within 25 miles of another certified facility. FDA's gradual approach to implementing the act's requirements appears to have been a factor in minimizing adverse effects on access. FDA has not closed many facilities that have not met certification or inspection requirements. Instead, it has given facilities time and repeated opportunities to meet new quality assurance requirements and to correct problems found during inspections.
	For more information, contact Frank Pasquier at (206) 287-4861.
	Arizona Medicaid: Competition Among Managed Care Plans Lowers Program Costs (Report, 10/4/95, GAO/HEHS-96-2).
	As many states are converting their traditional fee-for-service Medicaid programs to managed care delivery systems, Arizona's Medicaid program offers valuable insights—especially in fostering competition and monitoring plan performance. Arizona's recent cost containment record is noteworthy. According to one estimate, Arizona's Medicaid program saved the federal government \$37 million and the state \$15 million in acute care costs during fiscal year 1991. Arizona's program contained costs by developing a competitive Medicaid health care market. These cost control efforts do not appear to have hindered beneficiaries' access to appropriate

	care. GAO's work suggests that key conditions for containing Medicaid costs without compromising beneficiaries' access to appropriate medical care include (1) freedom from certain federal managed care regulations, (2) development and use of market forces, (3) controls to protect beneficiaries from inadequate care, and (4) investment in data collection and analysis capabilities. For more information, contact James Cosgrove at (202) 512-7029
Other Health Products	Medicaid and Children's Insurance (Letter, 10/20/95, GAO/HEHS-96-50R).
	Medicare Managed Care Growth (Letter, 10/18/95, GAO/HEHS-96-47R).
	Community Health Center Grants (Letter, 10/11/95, GAO/HEHS-96-13R).
	Fraud and Abuse Provisions in H.R. 2425 (Letter, 10/7/95, GAO/HEHS-96-37R)
	Montana's Medical Assistance Facilities (Letter, 10/2/95, GAO/HEHS-96-12R).

#### Education

Education Products	Land-Grant College Revenues (Letter, 10/20/95, GAO/HEHS-96-10R).
Employment	
Selected Summaries	Worker Protection: Federal Contractors and Violations of Labor Law (Report, 10/24/95, GAO/HEHS-96-8).
	Federal contracts have been awarded to employers who have violated the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). GAO found that 80 firms had violated the act and received over \$23 billion, about 13 percent of the \$182 billion in federal contracts awarded in fiscal year 1993. However, these contracts were concentrated among only a few violators; six violators received almost 90 percent of the more than \$23 billion in contracts. The cases that

GAO examined indicate a range of violations. The cases also show that the

	National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) had ordered various remedies relating to the unlawful activities by firms that discouraged workers from exercising their right to bargain collectively. Fifteen of the violators (almost 20 percent of the 80 firms) might be considered more serious violators. NLRB's enforcement of the act could be enhanced by collecting judgments against violators from federal contract awards. Coordination with the General Services Administration (GSA) would be necessary to collect judgments in this fashion.
	For more information, contact Charles A. Jeszeck at (202) 512-7036.
Social Security, Disability, and Welfar	e
Selected Summaries	Federal Pensions: Thrift Savings Plan Has Key Role in Retirement Benefits (Report, 10/19/95, GAO/HEHS-96-1).
	As of September 1994, some 942,000 Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS)-covered employees (about 76 percent) were voluntarily contributing an average of 5.7 percent of their salaries to the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Most of the remaining 300,000 FERS-covered employees (24 percent) who were not contributing were in the lower pay ranges. Although lower-paid workers are deferring at lower rates, GAO found that it may be less necessary for them to contribute to TSP than it is for workers with higher earnings. Lower-paid workers may achieve retirement income levels even with low deferral rates, because Social Security benefits are proportionately greater for them. Educating FERS workers can play a central role in their making wise preretirement investment decisions. GAO found that TSP's educational materials are not explicit in discussing how TSP can enable FERS-covered employees to achieve their retirement income goals. A full range of TSP fund options can also facilitate sound pretirement investment decisions.
	For more information, contact Donald Snyder at (202) 512-7204.
Other Social Security, Disability, and Welfare Products	Proposed Pension Reversion (Letter, 10/24/95, GAO/HEHS-96-54R).

#### Veterans Affairs and Military Health

Selected Summaries	VA Student Financial Aid: Opportunity to Reduce Overlap in Approving Education and Training Programs (Report, 10/30/95, GAO/HEHS-96-22).
	In fiscal year 1994, VA paid more than \$1 billion in education assistance benefits to more than 450,000 beneficiaries and spent about \$12 billion for state approved agencies' (SAA) gatekeeping services. GAO estimates that \$10.5 million of the \$12 million paid to SAAs in 1994 was spent to conduct assessments that overlapped with those of the Department of Education. These assessments involved reviews of academic and vocational schools that were already accredited by Education-approved agencies. The continued use of SAAs to conduct assessments that overlap other assessments does not appear to be a useful investment of scarce federal dollars. The overlap may not amount to out-and-out duplication, because SAAs use standards and methods that may differ somewhat from those of other reviewing bodies. However, a comparison of VA's key standards with those used by Education's gatekeepers shows that the standards are similar. Given this similarity, and the significant amount of SAA work (about 87 percent) that overlapped Education assessments, reducing SAA activity to apply only to those schools and programs not subject to Education gatekeeping appears advisable.

For more information, contact Joseph Eglin, Jr., at (202) 512-7009.

### Health (Comprehensive 1-Year Listing)

Access and	For more information, contact Mark V. Nadel at (202) 512-7119.
Infrastructure	Mammography Services: Initial Impact of New Federal Law Has Been Positive (Report, 10/27/95, GAO/HEHS-96-17).
	Ryan White Care Act: Access to Services by Minorities, Women, and Substance Abusers (Testimony, 7/17/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-212). Report on same topic (1/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-49).
Employee and Retiree Health Benefits	For more information, contact Michael F. Gutowski at (202) 512-7119.
	Employer-Based Health Plans: Issues, Trends, and Challenges Posed by ERISA (Report, 7/25/95, GAO/HEHS-95-167). Testimony on same topic (7/25/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-223).
Financing	For more information, contact Jonathan Ratner or William J. Scanlon at (202) 512-7119.
	Community Health Center Grants (Letter, 10/11/95, GAO/HEHS-96-13R).
	Medigrant: Florida (Letter, 10/2/95, GAO/HEHS-96-11R).
	Medical Liability: Impact on Hospital and Physician Costs Extends Beyond Insurance (Report, 9/29/95, GAO/AIMD-95-169).
	Health Insurance Portability: Reform Could Ensure Continued Coverage for up to 25 Million Americans (Report, 9/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-257).
	Cost Factors in CARE Act Formula (Letter, 9/15/95, GAO/HEHS-95-256R).
	Medigap Insurance: Insurers' Compliance With Federal Minimum Loss Ratio Standards, 1988-93 (Report, 8/23/95, GAO/HEHS-95-151).
	Health Insurance For Children: Many Remain Uninsured Despite Medicaid Expansion (Report, 7/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-175).
	Health Insurance Regulation: National Portability Standards Would Facilitate Changing Health Plans (Testimony, 7/18/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-205).

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	Health Insurance Regulation: Variation in Recent State Small Employer Health Insurance Reforms (Report, 6/12/95, GAO/HEHS-95-161FS).
	Ryan White Care Act of 1990: Opportunities Are Available to Improve Funding Equity (Testimony, 4/5/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-126). Testimony on same topic (2/22/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-91). Correspondence on same topic (2/14/95, GAO/HEHS-95-79R, and 3/31/95, GAO/HEHS-95-119R).
	German Health Reforms: Changes Result in Lower Health Costs in 1993 (Report, 12/16/94, GAO/HEHS-95-27).
	Biotech R & D, Reform, and Market Change (Letter, 12/15/94, GAO/HEHS-95-34R).
	Hospital Costs: Cost Control Efforts at 17 Texas Hospitals (Report, 12/9/94, GAO/AIMD-95-21).
Health Care Reform Related Issues	For more information, contact Michael F. Gutowski, Rosamond Katz, or Scott L. Smith at (202) 512-7119.
Related Issues	Cost of Health Care Task Force Related Activities (Testimony, 3/14/95, GAO/T-GGD-95-114).
HHS Public Health Service Agencies	For more information, contact Bruce D. Layton, James O. McClyde, or Mark V. Nadel at (202) 512-7119.
bervice Agencies	FDA Import Automation: Serious Management and Systems Development Problems Persist (Report, 9/28/95, GAO/AIMD-95-188).
	Cancer Drug Research: Contrary to Allegation, NIH Hydrazine Sulfate Studies Were Not Flawed (Report, 9/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-141).
	Health Care Shortage Areas: Designations Not a Useful Tool for Directing Resources to the Underserved (Report, 9/8/95, GAO/HEHS-95-200).
	Health Research Misconduct: HHS' Handling of Cases is Appropriate, but Timeliness Remains a Concern (Report, 8/3/95, GAO/HEHS-95-134).
	Practice Guidelines: Overview of Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Efforts (Testimony, 7/25/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-221).

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	Health and Human Services: Opportunities to Realize Savings (Testimony, $1/12/95$ , GAO/T-HEHS-95-57).
Long-Term Care and Aging	For more information, contact James C. Musselwhite or William J. Scanlon at (202) 512-7119.
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	Long-Term Care: Current Issues and Future Directions (Report, 4/13/95, GAO/HEHS-95-109).
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Managed Care	For more information, contact Mark V. Nadel, Jonathan Ratner, or William J. Scanlon at (202) 512-7119.
	Medicare Managed Care Growth (Letter, 10/18/95, GAO/HEHS-96-47R).
	Medicare Managed Care: Enrollment Growth Underscores Need to Revamp HMO Payment Methods (Testimony, 7/12/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-207).
	Medicare Managed Care: Program Growth Highlights Need to Fix hmo Payment Problems (Testimony, 5/24/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-174).
	Community Health Centers: Challenges in Transitioning to Prepaid Managed Care (Report, 5/4/95, GAO/HEHS-95-138). Testimony on same topic (5/4/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-143).
	Defense Health Care: DOD's Managed Care Program Continues to Face Challenges (Testimony, 3/28/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-117).

Medicare and Medicaid	For more information, contact Kathryn G. Allen, Thomas G. Dowdal, or Barry D. Tice at (202) 512-7119.
	Medicaid and Children's Insurance (Letter, 10/20/95, GAO/HEHS-96-50R).
	Medicare Managed Care Growth (Letter, 10/18/95, GAO/HEHS-96-47R).
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	Arizona Medicaid: Competition Among Managed Care Plans Lowers Program Costs (Report, 10/4/95, GAO/HEHS-96-2).
	Medicare Spending: Modern Management Strategies Needed to Curb Billions in Unnecessary Payments (Report, 9/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-210).
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	Medicare: Excessive Payments for Medical Supplies Continue Despite Improvements (Report, 8/8/95, GAO/HEHS-95-171).
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	Medicare: Modern Management Strategies Could Curb Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (Testimony, 7/31/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-227).
	Medicaid: Local Contributions (Letter, 7/28/95, GAO/HEHS-95-215R).
	Medicare: Enhancing Health Care Quality Assurance (Testimony, 7/27/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-224).

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Health Insurance For Children: Many Remain Uninsured Despite Medicaid Expansion (Report, 7/19/95, GAO/HEHS-95-175).

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Medicaid: State Flexibility in Implementing Managed Care Programs Requires Appropriate Oversight (Testimony, 7/12/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-206).

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Medicare Claims: Commercial Technology Could Save Billions Lost to Billing Abuse (Report, 5/5/95, GAO/AIMD-95-135).

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	Medicaid: Restructuring Approaches Leave Many Questions (Report, 4/4/95, GAO/HEHS-95-103).
	Medicare: Tighter Rules Needed to Curtail Overcharges for Therapy in Nursing Homes (Report, 3/30/95, GAO/HEHS-95-23).
	Medicaid: Experience With State Waivers to Promote Cost Control and Access to Care (Testimony, 3/23/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-115).
	Medicare and Medicaid: Opportunities to Save Program Dollars by Reducing Fraud and Abuse (Testimony, 3/22/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-110).
	Medicare Secondary Payer Program (Letter, 3/6/95, GAO/HEHS-95-101R).
	GAO's 1995 High Risk Reports: Medicare Claims (Report, 2/95, GAO/HR-95-8).
	Medicare Secondary Payer Program: Actions Needed to Realize Savings (Testimony, 2/23/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-92).
	Uninsured and Children on Medicaid (Letter, 2/14/95, GAO/HEHS-95-83R).
	Medicare: Opportunities Are Available to Apply Managed Care Strategies (Testimony, 2/10/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-81).
	Medicare: High Spending Growth Calls for Aggressive Action (Testimony, $2/6/95$ , GAO/T-HEHS-95-75).
	Medicare Part B: Regional Variation in Denial Rates for Medical Necessity (Report, 12/19/94, GAO/PEMD-95-10). Testimony on same topic (12/19/94, GAO/T-PEMD-95-11).
Prescription Drugs	For more information, contact John C. Hansen at (202) 512-7119.
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	Indian Health Service: Improvements Needed in Credentialing Temporary Physicians (Report, 4/21/95, GAO/HEHS-95-46).
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	Vaccines for Children: Reexamination of Program Goals and Implementation Needed to Ensure Vaccination (Report, 6/22/95, GAO/PEMD-95-22).
	Immunization: HHS Could Do More to Increase Vaccination Among Older Adults (Report, 6/8/95, GAO/PEMD-95-14).
	Vaccines for Children: Barriers to Immunization (Testimony, 5/4/95, GAO/T-PEMD-95-21).
	Community Health Centers: Challenges in Transitioning to Prepaid Managed Care (Report, 5/4/95, GAO/HEHS-95-138). Testimony on same topic (5/4/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-143).
	Tuberculosis: Costly and Preventable Cases Continue in Five Cities (Report, 3/16/95, GAO/HEHS-95-11).

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	Health Care: School-Based Health Centers Can Expand Access for Children (Report, 12/22/94, GAO/HEHS-95-35).
Quality and Practice Standards	For more information, contact Sandra K. Isaacson at (202) 512-7174 or George F. Poindexter at (202) 512-7213.
	Mammography Services: Initial Impact of New Federal Law Has Been Positive (Report, 10/27/95, GAO/HEHS-96-17).
	Health Care: Employers and Individual Consumers Want Additional Information on Quality (Report, 9/29/95, GAO/HEHS-95-201).
	Patient Self-Determination Act: Providers Offer Information on Advance Directives but Effectiveness Uncertain (Report, 8/28/95, GAO/HEHS-95-135).
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	Breast Conservation versus Mastectomy: Patient Survival in Day-to-Day Practice and in Randomized Studies (Report, 11/15/94, GAO/PEMD-95-9).
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Other Health Issues	For more information, contact Mark V. Nadel at (202) 512-7119.

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	Adult Education: Measuring Program Results Has Been Challenging (Report, 9/6/95, GAO/HEHS-95-153).
	Student Financial Aid: Data Not Fully Utilized to Identify Inappropriately Awarded Loans and Grants (Report, 7/11/95, GAO/HEHS-95-89).
	Federal Family Education Loan Information System: Weak Computer Controls Increase Risk of Unauthorized Access to Sensitive Data (Report, 6/12/95, GAO/AIMD-95-117).
	Department of Education: Information on Consolidation Opportunities and Student Aid (Testimony, 4/6/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-130).
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	Department of Education: Opportunities to Realize Savings (Testimony, 1/18/95, GAO/T-HEHS-95-56).
Early Childhood Development	For more information, contact Beatrice F. Birman at (202) 512-7008 or Eleanor L. Johnson at (202) 512-7209.
Development	Early Childhood Centers: Services to Prepare Children for School Often Limited (Report, 3/21/95, GAO/HEHS-95-21).
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