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## **Preface**

The General Accounting Office (GAO), an arm of the Congress, was established to independently audit government agencies. GAO'S Human Resources Division (HRD) reviews the government's health, education, employment and training, and income security programs administered in the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, Veterans Affairs, and some other agencies.

This booklet lists the GAO products issued on these programs. It is divided into two major sections:

- Most Recent GAO Products: This section identifies reports and testimonies issued during the past 5 months and provides summaries for selected key products.
- Comprehensive 2-Year Listings: This section lists all products published in the last 2 years, organized chronologically by subject as shown in the table of contents. When appropriate, products may be included in more than one subject area.

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Higher Education Assistance Foundation, Department of HEAF Education Health Care Financing Administration **HCFA** Philadelphia Accessible Services System **HealthPASS** Department of Health and Human Services HHS human immunodeficiency virus HIV health maintenance organization **HMO** Human Resources Division, U.S. General Accounting HRD Office Immigration and Naturalization Service INS IHS Indian Health Service Internal Revenue Service IRS **JCAHO** Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations Job Opportunities and Basic Skills program **JOBS** Job Training Partnership Act JTPA MCCR Medical Care Cost Recovery MRI magnetic resonance imaging NAGB National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education NAIC National Association of Insurance Commissioners Occupational Safety and Health Administration OSHA **PBGC** Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation HHS Public Health Service PHS RBRVS Medicare Resource-Based Relative Value Scale RFP Request for proposals SSA Social Security Administration SSI Supplemental Security Income TAA Trade Adjustment Assistance total quality management **TQM** UI unemployment insurance United States Department of Agriculture USDA USPS United States Postal Service Department of Veterans Affairs VA Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act WARN Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, WIC and Children

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#### Health

#### Selected Summaries

Health Insurance: California Public Employees' Alliance Has Reduced Recent Premium Growth (Report, 11/22/93, GAO/HRD-94-40).

The Public Employees' Retirement System (CaIPERS) record of controlling the growth of health insurance premiums for participating employers has improved since 1992, outperforming most other employers. Several factors contributed to the System's success. CaIPERS incorporates many features of a "health alliance" as proposed under managed competition in health care reform.

Medicare: Adequate Funding and Better Oversight Needed to Protect Benefit Dollars (Testimony, 11/12/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-59).

In fiscal year 1993 Medicare cost \$146 billion. Medicare expenditures are expected to increase \$259 billion by 1998. The government is losing opportunities to save many millions of dollars in Medicare payments. The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) faces management challenges that compound funding reduction problems.

Health Insurance: How Health Care Reform May Affect State Regulation (Testimony, 11/5/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-55).

Most health care reform proposals currently being debated look to states to play an active role in implementing and enforcing new requirements on private health insurers. This role may require states to perform new regulatory tasks and regulate new organizations.

Veterans Affairs: Service Delays at va Outpatient Facilities (Testimony, 10/27/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-5). Testimony on same topic (7/21/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-29). Report on same topic (10/15/93, GAO/HRD-94-4).

Veterans have experienced lengthy delays when they receive medical care at Department of Veterans Affairs (va) outpatient facilities. Veterans frequently waited one to three hours before having their nonurgent conditions examined by a physician in va's screening clinics. Inefficient operating practices are major contributors to veterans' service delays.

Managed Health Care: Effect on Employers' Costs Difficult to Measure (Report, 10/19/93, GAO/HRD-94-3).

Although many employers believe that, in principle, managed care plans save money, little empirical evidence exists on the cost savings of managed care. Some managed care plans have a potential for cost savings. Restrictions on employee choice of health care provider is viewed as the major constraint on employee acceptance of network-based managed care plans.

1993 German Health Reforms: Initiatives Tighten Cost Controls (Testimony, 10/13/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-2). Report on same topic (7/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-103).

In 1993, Germany instituted reforms to tighten existing cost-control measures. The initial thrust of the 1993 reforms was government-imposed mandatory global budgets for 3 years. These generally limit the growth of expenditures in the physician and hospital sectors to the rate of increase of the revenues of the sickness funds.

Psychiatric Fraud and Abuse: Increased Scrutiny of Hospital Stays is Needed for Federal Health Programs (Report, 9/17/93, GAO/HRD-93-92).

Investigations to date have revealed that federal health programs have been subjected to fraudulent and abusive psychiatric hospital practices but apparently to a lesser extent than private insurers. Federal programs have many controls in place to guard against poor quality of care. Some control weaknesses, however, render federal programs vulnerable to fraudulent and abusive hospital practices.

Preventive Health Care for Children: Experience From Selected Foreign Countries (Report, 8/4/93, GAO/HRD-93-62).

England, France, Germany, Japan, and the Netherlands do not rely solely on systems of universal coverage for preventive services. They also (1) notify health authorities of new births, (2) target new parents for home visits, (3) provide booklets for maintaining a child's health record, (4) provide physical exams and immunizations in schools, and

(5) facilitate the continuity of care through computerized tracking systems.

VA Health Care: Variabilities in Outpatient Care Eligibility and Rationing Decisions (Report, 7/16/93, GAO/HRD-93-106).

Veterans' access to outpatient care at VA medical centers varies widely for two reasons: (1) medical centers interpret VA outpatient eligibility criteria differently and (2) medical centers' rationing decisions vary, including whether to ration and what rationing method to use.

#### Other Health Products

Medicare/Medicaid Data Bank Issues (Letter, 11/15/93, GAO/HRD-94-63R).

<u>Department of Veterans Affairs Appropriation</u> (Letter, 11/12/93, GAO/HRD-94-57R).

VA Health Care: Tuberculosis Controls Receiving Greater Emphasis at VA Medical Centers (Report, 11/9/93, GAO/HRD-94-5).

Health Care Reform: Supplemental and Long-Term Care Insurance (Testimony, 11/9/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-58).

Medical Malpractice: Maine's Use of Practice Guidelines to Reduce Costs (Report, 10/25/93, GAO/HRD-94-8).

Automating Medical Information (Letter, 10/22/93, GAO/AIMD-94-47R).

va Health Care: Restructuring Ambulatory Care System Would Improve Services to Veterans (Report, 10/15/93, GAO/HRD-94-4).

Medicare: Better Guidance Is Needed To Preclude Inappropriate General and Administrative Charges (Report, 10/15/93, GAO/NSIAD-94-13).

HCFA Payment Rate for Erythropoietin (Letter, 10/13/93, GAO/HRD-94-1R).

va Health Care: Medical Care Cost Recovery Activities Improperly Funded (Report, 10/12/93, GAO/HRD-94-2)

Drug Control: Reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (Report, 9/29/93, GAO/GGD-93-144).

Medical Malpractice: Estimated Savings and Costs of Federal Insurance at Health Centers (Report, 9/24/93, GAO/HRD-93-130).

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VA Health Care: Labor Management and Quality-of-Care Issues at the Salem VA Medical Center (Report, 9/23/93, GAO/HRD-93-108).

Defense Health Care: Expansion of the CHAMPUS Reform Initiative Into Washington and Oregon (Report, 9/20/93, GAO/HRD-93-149).

Medicaid Managed Care: Healthy Moms, Healthy Kids—A New Program for Chicago (Report, 9/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-121).

CDC's Mission and Duplication in PHS (Letter, 8/30/93, GAO/HRD-93-32R).

Health Care Access: Innovative Programs Using Nonphysicians (Report, 8/27/93, GAO/HRD-93-128).

Medicaid: Alternatives for Improving the Distribution of Funds to States (Report, 8/20/93, GAO/HRD-93-112FS).

Medical Technology: Quality Assurance Systems and Global Markets (Report, 8/18/93, GAO/PEMD-93-15).

Medical Malpractice: Medicare/Medicaid Beneficiaries Account for a Relatively Small Percentage of Malpractice Losses (Report, 8/11/93, GAO/HRD-93-126).

Medicare Part B: Reliability of Claims Processing Across Four Carriers (Report, 8/11/93, GAO/PEMD-93-27).

Operation Desert Storm: Army Medical Supply Issues (Report, 8/11/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-206).

Medicaid Drug Fraud: Federal Leadership Needed to Reduce Program Vulnerabilities (Report, 8/2/93, GAO/HRD-93-118). Testimony on same topic (8/2/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-28).

va Health Care: Comparison of va Benefits With Other Public and Private Programs (Report, 7/29/93, GAO/HRD-93-94).

Operation Desert Storm: Improvements Required in the Navy's Wartime Medical Care Program (Report, 7/28/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-189).

va Health Care: Potential for Offsetting Long-Term Care Costs Through Estate Recovery (Report, 7/27/93, GAO/HRD-93-68).

Medicare: Separate Payment for Fitting Braces and Artificial Limbs Is Not Needed (Report, 7/21/93, GAO/HRD-93-98).

Veterans Affairs: Accessibility of Outpatient Care at va Medical Centers (Testimony, 7/21/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-29).

Medicaid Estate Planning (Letter, 7/20/93, GAO/HRD-93-29R).

Medicare Physician Payment: Geographic Adjusters Appropriate But Could Be Improved With New Data (Report, 7/20/93, GAO/HRD-93-93).

va Health Care: Veterans' Efforts to Obtain Outpatient Care From Alternative Sources (Report, 7/14/93, GAO/HRD-93-123).

Retiree Health Plans: Health Benefits Not Secure Under Employer-Based System (Report, 7/9/93, GAO/HRD-93-125).

FDA Regulation of Dietary Supplements (Letter, 7/2/93, GAO/HRD-93-28R).

### Education

#### **Selected Summaries**

Transition From School to Work: S. 1361 Addresses Components of Comprehensive Strategy (Testimony, 9/28/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-31). Report on same topic (9/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-139).

Although American high schools direct most of their resources toward preparing students for college, only about 15 percent of the incoming college freshmen go on to graduate. Some public officials and educators are considering comprehensive school-to-work transition strategies to better prepare high school students for workplace requirements.

School Age Demographics: Recent Trends Pose New Educational Challenges (Report, 8/5/93, GAO/HRD-93-105BR).

GAO's analysis identified demographic changes that may have important implications for Chapter 1 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and other education programs targeted toward populations with special needs. During the 1980s as the school age

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population—aged 5 to 17—declined by 2.3 million, the poor school age population increased by about 6 percent.

Poor Preschool-Aged Children: Numbers Increase but Most Not in Preschool (Report, 7/21/93, GAO/HRD-93-111BR).

The increase in the number, diversity, and needs of disadvantaged preschool-aged children poses potential obstacles to achieving the first National Education Goal that all children be ready for school by the year 2000. Head Start and other preschool programs are now faced with a target population consisting of more poor, near-poor, and at-risk children.

#### **Other Education Products**

States' Regulatory Reform Efforts (Letter, 11/3/93, GAO/HRD-94-51R).

Student Financial Aid Programs: Pell Grant Program Abuse (Testimony, 10/27/93, GAO/T-OSI-94-8).

Academy Preparatory Schools (Letter, 10/5/93, GAO/NSIAD-94-56R).

Air Force Academy: Gender and Racial Disparities (Report, 9/24/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-244).

Military Education: Information on Service Academies and Schools (Report, 9/22/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-264BR).

Army Training: Prioritizing and Following Up on Lessons Learned Should Minimize Recurring Weaknesses (Report, 9/16/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-231).

Financial Management: Education's Student Loan Program Controls Over Lenders Need Improvement (Report, 9/9/93, GAO/AIMD-93-33).

Vocational Rehabilitation: Evidence for Federal Program's Effectiveness Is Mixed (Report, 8/27/93, GAO/PEMD-93-19).

Army Training: Commanders Lack Guidance and Training for Effective Use of Simulations (Report, 8/23/93, GAO/NSIAD-93-211).

Student Loans: Default Rates at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Report, 8/19/93, GAO/HRD-93-117FS).

Vocational Education: Status in 2-Year Colleges in 1990-91 and Early Signs of Change (Report, 8/16/93, GAO/HRD-93-89).

Direct Student Loan Savings (Letter, 7/15/93, GAO/HRD-93-25R).

Vocational Education: Status in School Year 1990-91 and Early Signs of Change at Secondary Level (Report, 7/13/93, GAO/HRD-93-71).

# Employment and Training

#### **Selected Summaries**

Occupational Safety and Health: Changes Needed in the Combined Federal-State Approach (Testimony, 10/20/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-3).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is responsible for overseeing states' safety and health programs to ensure they are as effective as OSHA's program. OSHA's oversight continues to have substantial weaknesses like those identified 5 years ago by GAO and the Office of the Inspector General.

<u>Dislocated Workers: Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Flawed</u> (Testimony, 10/19/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-4).

Each year, approximately 1 million experienced workers lose their jobs due to business closures and permanent layoffs. GAO, Department of Labor, and Mathematica studies conclude that the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program falls short of its goal of assisting dislocated workers to re-enter the workforce.

## Other Employment and Training Products

Dislocated Workers: Proposed Re-employment Assistance Program (Report, 11/12/93, GAO/HRD-94-61).

Occupational Safety and Health: Changes Needed in the Combined Federal-State Approach (Testimony, 10/20/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-3).

Federal Contractor Hiring: Effect of Veteran Hiring Legislation is Unknown (Report, 10/18/93, GAO/GGD-94-6).

Transition From School to Work: S. 1361 Addresses Components of Comprehensive Strategy (Testimony, 9/28/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-31). Report on same topic (9/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-139).

Unemployment Insurance: Program's Ability to Meet Objectives Jeopardized (Report, 9/28/93, GAO/HRD-93-107).

Federal Personnel: Employment Policy Challenges Created by an Aging Workforce (Report, 9/23/93, GAO/GGD-93-138).

North American Free Trade Agreement: A Focus on the Substantive Issues (Testimony, 9/21/93, GAO/T-GGD-93-44). Report on same topic (9/9/93, GGD-93-137).

Toxic Substances: Information on Lead Hazards in Child Care Facilities and Schools is Limited (Testimony, 9/15/93, GAO/T-RCED-93-48).

Personnel Practices: Retroactive Appointments and Pay Adjustments in the Executive Office of the President (Report, 9/9/93, GAO/GGD-93-148).

Hispanic Employment at USPS (Letter, 9/3/93, GAO/GGD-93-58R).

Employee Background Checks (Letter, 9/2/93, GAO/GGD-93-62R).

Vocational Rehabilitation: Evidence for Federal Programs Effectiveness is Mixed (Report, 8/27/93, GAO/PEMD-93-19).

EEOC: An Overview (Testimony, 7/27/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-30).

U.S.-Mexico Trade: The Maquiladora Industry and U.S. Employment (Report, 7/20/93, GAO/GGD-93-129).

Assessing EEO Progress at INS (Letter, 7/15/93, GAO/GGD-93-54R).

Federal Trade Commission: Enforcement of the Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising (Report, 7/13/93, GAO/HRD-93-83).

## **Income Security**

#### **Selected Summaries**

Social Security: Increasing Number of Disability Claims and Deteriorating Service (Report, 11/10/93, GAO/HRD-94-11).

Claim backlogs and processing times for Social Security Disability Income (DI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs reached an all-time high in fiscal year 1992. The Social Security Administration (SSA) and the states' disability determination services (DDSS) have not been able to keep up with the high rate of claims submitted for benefits.

Social Security: Sustained Effort Needed to Improve Management and Prepare for the Future (Report, 10/27/93, GAO/HRD-94-22). Testimony on same topic (10/28/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-46).

This is the third in a series of GAO reports assessing SSA's effectiveness in preparing for the future and managing current operations. This report assesses SSA's progress in making improvements to its strategic management, information resource management, human resource management, and financial management systems.

State and Local Finances: Some Jurisdictions Confronted by Short- and Long-Term Problems (Report, 10/6/93, GAO/HRD-94-1). Testimony on same topic (10/6/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-1).

From 1985 to 1991, state and local governments faced a challenge in responding to varied spending and revenue pressures. This led jurisdictions to reevaluate their spending priorities, control program growth, cut some services, and increase revenues. GAO identified several large cities that faced not only a short-term problem of budget deficits, but also a long-term deterioration in the public services they provide.

Benefits for Illegal Aliens: Some Program Costs Increasing, But Total Costs Unknown (Testimony, 9/29/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-33).

Recent events involving illegal aliens have raised concerns about their use of public benefits and overall costs to society. Although many barriers were found to obtaining cost data, GAO obtained estimates from the five states that account for about 80 percent of the illegal immigrant population.

Social Security Disability: SSA Needs to Improve Continuing Disability Review Program (Report, 7/8/93, GAO/HRD-93-109).

ssa has not met the legal requirements for conducting continuing disability reviews (CDRS). Significant operational problems due to unprecedented increases in initial claims for social security benefits have caused ssa to shift resources away from conducting CDRs to process these claims.

Welfare To Work: States Move Unevenly To Serve Teen Parents in JOBS (Report, 7/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-74).

While Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) is helping some Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) teen parents complete their educations, states have moved unevenly to enroll teen parents in the program. States' approaches to serving teen parents and their overall financial commitment to the JOBS program affected whether a teen parent was enrolled in JOBS.

## Other Income Security Products

Disabled Veterans Programs: U.S. Eligibility and Benefit Types Compared With Five Other Countries (Report, 11/24/93, GAO/HRD-94-6).

Armed Forces Retirement Home (Letter, 11/3/93, GAO/HRD-94-49R).

D.C. Pension Benefits (Report, 11/4/93, GAO/HRD-94-18).

DOD Military Disability Retirement (Report, 11/3/93, GAO/HRD-94-50R).

Foster Care: Federal Policy on Title IV-E Share of Training Costs (Report, 11/3/93, GAO/HRD-94-7).

Lead Poisoning Notification (Letter, 10/14/93, GAO/RCED-94-18R).

Financial Audit: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's 1992 and 1991 Financial Statements (Report, 9/29/93, GAO/AIMD-93-21).

Federal Personnel: Employment Policy Challenges Created By an Aging Workforce (Report, 9/23/93, GAO/GGD-93-138).

<u>Lead-Based Paint Poisoning: Children in Public Housing Are Not Adequately Protected (Report, 9/17/93, GAO/RCEDD-93-138).</u>

Toxic Substances: The Extent of Lead Hazards in Child Care Facilities and Schools Is Unknown (Report, 9/14/93, GAO/RCED-93-197). Testimony on same topic (9/15/93, GAO/T-RCED-93-48).

Social Security Administration as an Independent Agency (Testimony, 9/14/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-31).

Homeownership: Appropriations Made to Finance va's Housing Program May Be Overestimated (Report, 9/8/93, GAO/RCED-93-173).

Long-Term Care Insurance: High Percentage of Policyholders Drop Policies (Report, 8/25/93, GAO/HRD-93-129).

Financial Management: Estimate of Interest on Selected Benefits Received by Postal Service Retirees (Report,7/29/93, GAO/AIMD-93-11).

Status of Agency Use of SSA Death Information (Letter, 7/20/93, GAO/HRD-93-31R).

Veterans' Compensation: Premature Closing of va Office in the Philippines Could Be Costly (Report, 7/15/93, GAO/HRD-93-96).

Long-Term Care Forum (Discussion Paper, 7/13-14/93, GAO/HRD-93-1-SP).

### Employee and Retiree Health Benefits

Retiree Health Plans: Health Benefits Not Secure Under Employer-Based System (Report, 7/9/93, GAO/HRD-93-125).

Family and Medical Leave Cost Estimate (Letter, 2/1/93, GAO/HRD-93-14R).

Employee Benefits: Financing Health Benefits of Coal Industry Retirees (Report, 7/22/92, GAO/HRD-92-137FS).

Employee Benefits: Financing Health Benefits of Retired Coal Miners (Report, 7/22/92, GAO/HRD-92-130FS).

Federal Health Benefits Program: Open Season Processing Timeliness (Report, 7/8/92, GAO/GGD-92-122BR).

Information on Federal Health Benefits Costs (Letter, 6/23/92, GAO/GGD-92-18R).

Federal Health Benefits Program (Letter, 5/4/92, GAO/GGD-92-11R).

Summary Information on Farmworkers (Letter, 4/10/92, GAO/HRD-92-30R).

Federal Health Benefits Program: Stronger Controls Needed to Reduce Administrative Costs (Testimony, 3/11/92, GAO/T-GGD-92-20). Report with same title (2/12/92, GAO/GGD-92-37).

Employee Benefits: States Need Labor's Help Regulating Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (Report, 3/10/92, GAO/HRD-92-40).

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1993 German Health Reforms: Initiatives Tighten Cost Controls (Testimony, 10/13/93, GAO/T-HRD-94-2). Report on same topic (7/7/93, GAO/HRD-93-103).

Health Care Access: Innovative Programs Using Nonphysicians (Report, 8/27/93, GAO/HRD-93-128).

Nonprofit Hospitals: For-Profit Ventures Pose Access and Capacity Problems (Report, 7/22/93, GAO/HRD-93-124).

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Organ Transplants: Increased Effort Needed to Boost Supply and Ensure Equitable Distribution of Organs (Report, 4/22/93, GAO/HRD-93-56). Testimony on same topic (4/22/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-17).

Health Insurance: Remedies Needed to Reduce Losses From Fraud and Abuse (Testimony, 3/8/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-8).

Major Issues Facing a New Congress and a New Administration (Testimony, 1/8/93, GAO/T-OCG-93-1).

Health Insurance: Legal and Resource Constraints Complicate Efforts to Curb Fraud and Abuse (Testimony, 2/4/93, GAO/T-HRD-93-3). Report on same topic (5/7/92, GAO/HRD-92-69). Testimony on same topic (5/7/92, GAO/T-HRD-92-29).

Health Care: Rochester's Community Approach Yields Better Access, Lower Costs (Report, 1/29/93, GAO/HRD-93-44).

Emergency Departments: Unevenly Affected by Growth and Change in Patient Use (Report, 1/4/93, GAO/HRD-93-4).

Transition Series: Health Care Reform (Report, 12/92, GAO/OCG-93-STR).

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Bone Marrow Transplants: National Program Has Greatly Increased Pool of Potential Donors (Report, 11/4/92, GAO/HRD-93-11).

Trauma Care Reimbursement: Poor Understanding of Losses and Coverage for Undocumented Aliens (Report, 10/15/92, GAO/PEMD-93-1).

Employer-Based Health Insurance: High Costs, Wide Variation Threaten System (Report, 9/22/92, GAO/HRD-92-125).

Hospital Costs: Adoption of Technologies Drives Cost Growth (Report, 9/9/92, GAO/HRD-92-120).

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Health Insurance: More Resources Needed to Combat Fraud and Abuse (Testimony, 7/28/92, GAO/T-HRD-92-49).

Access to Health Care: States Respond to Growing Crisis (Report, 6/16/92, GAO/HRD-92-70). Testimony on same topic (6/9/92, GAO/T-HRD-92-40).

Federally Funded Health Services: Information on Seven Programs Serving Low-Income Women and Children (Report, 5/28/92, GAO/HRD-92-73FS).

Access to Health Insurance: States Attempt to Correct Problems in Small Business Health Insurance Market (Report, 5/14/92, GAO/HRD-92-90). Testimony on same topic (5/14/92, GAO/T-HRD-92-30).

Health Insurance: Vulnerable Payers Lose Billions to Fraud and Abuse (Report, 5/7/92, GAO/HRD-92-69). Testimony on same topic (5/7/92, GAO/T-HRD-92-29).

Insurer Failures: Life/Health Insurer Insolvencies and Limitations of State Guaranty Funds (Testimony, 4/28/92, GAO/T-GGD-92-15). Report on same topic (3/19/92, GAO/GGD-92-44).

Early Intervention: Federal Investments Like wic Can Produce Savings (Report, 4/7/92, GAO/HRD-92-18).

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Small Group Market Reforms: Assessment of Proposals to Make Health Insurance More Readily Available to Small Businesses (Letter, 3/12/92, GAO/HRD-92-27R).

Medigap Insurance: Insurers Whose Loss Ratios Did Not Meet Federal Minimum Standards in 1988-89 (Report, 2/28/92, GAO/HRD-92-54).

Health Care Spending: Nonpolicy Factors Account for Most State Differences (Report, 2/13/92, GAO/HRD-92-36).

Budget Issues: 1991 Budget Estimates: What Went Wrong (Report, 1/15/92, GAO/OCG-92-1).

Hispanic Access to Health Care: Significant Gaps Exist (Report, 1/15/92, GAO/PEMD-92-6). Testimony on same topic (9/19/91, GAO/T-PEMD-91-13).

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