

# New Affordable Care Act FAQs Provide Guidance on Preventive Services, Wellness Programs and Mental Health Parity

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On October 23, 2015, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Treasury (the “Agencies”) jointly released their twenty-ninth (XXIX) set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation. This latest set of FAQs generally (1) clarify that certain services performed ancillary to various preventive services must also be covered without imposition of cost-sharing, (2) explain that in-kind incentives provided through wellness programs are also subject to limitations under HIPAA and (3) state that medical necessity guidelines related to mental health and substance abuse benefits must be provided to participants upon request. Additional detail is provided below... [Continue Reading](#)