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## **ISSUE: Coastal Medical Access Project - 2008 Appropriation Request Summary**

**Bill/Account: Labor HHS/HRSA**

**Project cost: \$7,500,000**

**Appropriation Request: \$1,000,000** (submitted March 2008 to Kingston/Chambliss/Isakson)

**Matching amount: \$6,500,000** (from state, local and private funding sources)

**Coastal Medical Access Project (CMAP)** is a nonprofit health network founded in 2002 to provide quality health care for 24,000 uninsured residents of Camden, Glynn and McIntosh counties who are without access to health care, other than the local hospital emergency department. One hundred twenty volunteer physicians and nurses, supported by four staff nurses and a social worker have provided 9,364 visits for 1,857 patients since opening, and referred 1,600 patients for additional free specialty care and testing. Estimated value of services is \$2 million.

CMAP is requesting \$1 million to expand its facilities to enable expansion of clinical, pharmaceutical and chronic disease management services, adding dental care, and increasing capacity to engage medical and dental volunteers. The estimated value of expanded services is \$17 million.

The *Henri C. Woodman* **Brunswick Clinic** is expanding into a 5,600 sq ft building, leased from the Southeast Georgia Health System for \$1/year for 25 years, adding 4 exam rooms, 3 dental operatories, 2 rooms for vision testing and screening, offices for the MedBank program and pharmacy, and rooms for patient and family education. The requested funds will equip the building with urgently needed medical and dental equipment, office furniture, exam tables, and education materials/supplies.

The *Henri C. Woodman* **St. Marys Clinic** urgently needs to identify other space since the Southeast Georgia Health System has asked it to relocate by the end of 2008. The goal is to replicate in Camden County the space and services that will be available in Glynn County. The requested funds would be used to build out and equip the new clinic space.

CMAP's **MedBank Program** works with 102 pharmaceutical companies, several drug discount programs and local health departments to provide free prescription medications to low-income adults without prescription coverage. More than 22,000 prescriptions valued at \$12.9 million have been distributed since 2002. MedBank will expand from 3 to 13 counties.

CMAP's **Chronic Disease Prevention and Management Program (CDPM)** helps people living with chronic disease manage their health, follow their doctor's advice, manage complicated medications and access other services. CDPM staff is focusing initially on patients with diabetes. CDPM will expand from a small pilot effort in St. Marys to include Brunswick clinic.

**Action:** \$1,000,000 HRSA Facilities Appropriation to help build out and equip the new clinics.

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