

# IF YOU COULD SAVE 100,000 LIVES, WOULD YOU DO IT?

**REAL**  
HEALTH REFORM  
STARTS WITH  
PREVENTION

## What Can Congress Do?

To promote high-value, cost-effective clinical preventive services, Congress can:

- Provide coverage in all federal health plans
- Encourage coverage in non-federal plans
- Eliminate deductibles and co-pays for the most cost-effective services
- Educate the public about the importance of getting effective clinical preventive services

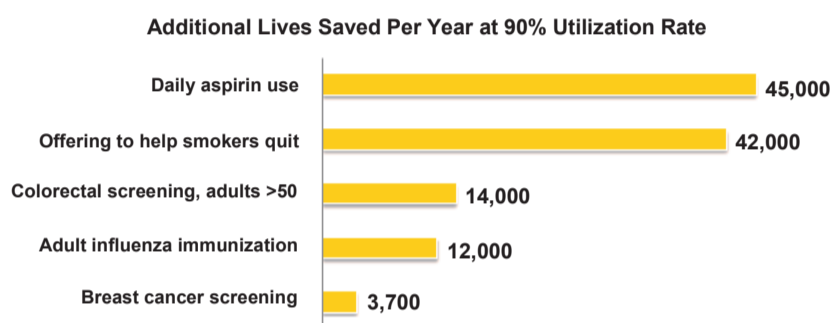
For more information on how to make disease prevention and health promotion a part of health reform, go to: [www.prevent.org/healthreform](http://www.prevent.org/healthreform)

## As a matter of fact, Congress can help do just that.

Preventive services not only help keep people healthy, but they actually save lives. For example, if just the five clinical preventive services listed below were utilized on a wider scale, **more than 100,000 additional lives** would be saved each year.

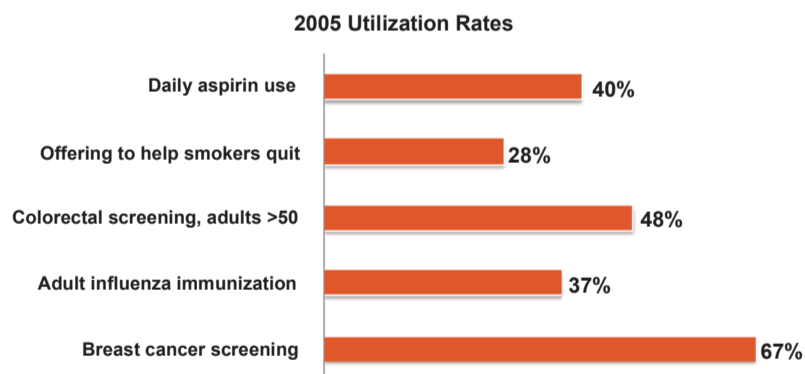
Currently, several obstacles keep clinical preventive services from being used more often. Congress can remove those obstacles as part of health reform legislation. Deductibles, co-pays and lack of coverage can discourage clinicians from recommending clinical preventive services and discourage patients from having them performed.

### Cost-Effective Preventive Services Can Save Lives



**TOTAL: 117,600 additional lives saved**

### Preventive Services Are Under-Utilized



*National Commission on Prevention Priorities. Preventive Care: A National Profile on Use, Disparities, and Health Benefits; Partnership for Prevention*



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