

HHS Affordable Care Act Bulletin August 9, 2010

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Recent News

August 6: [Presidential Proclamation--National Health Center Week, 2010](#)

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Recent HealthCare Blog Posts

August 5: [Saving Money and Giving Seniors Better Care](#), By Nancy-Ann DeParle, Director of the White House Office of Health Reform

August 2: [Saving Money and Giving Seniors Better Benefits](#), By Stephanie Cutter, Assistant to the President for Special Projects

August 2: [Ensuring Women Get the Care They Need and Deserve](#), By Tina Tchen, Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and Executive Director of the Council on Women and Girls

August 2: [On Today's Ruling in Virginia](#), By Stephanie Cutter, Assistant to the President for Special Projects

August 2: [Webchat on the Importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Medicare and Medicaid](#), By Henry Claypool, Director of the Office on Disability

August 2: [Strengthening Medicare](#), By Don Berwick, M.D., Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Regulations & Guidance

Regulations and guidance are used to implement many of the Affordable Care Act provisions that address both private and public health insurance.

[Regulation on Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Request for Comment on Health Insurance Exchanges](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Regulation on Consumers' Right to Appeal Health Plan Decisions](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

Preventive Services: [Regulations](#) and [Recommendations](#)

[Patient's Bill of Rights](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Regulation on "Grandfathered" Health Plans under the Affordable Care Act](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Dependent Coverage of Children Who Have Not Attained Age 26](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Early Retiree Reinsurance Program](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[Health Care Reform Insurance Web Portal Requirements](#) (Issued by the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight)

[COBRA Continuation of Coverage](#) (Issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

[Health Insurance Reform for Consumers](#) (Issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

[Health Insurance Reform for Employers](#) (Issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

[Self-Funded Nonfederal Governmental Plans](#) (Issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

[Temporary High Risk Pool Fact Sheet](#) provides information about the temporary high risk pool program included in the Affordable Care Act and chart outlining potential allocations of high risk pool funds to states.

[Beneficiary Information about the \\$250 Part D Rebate Brochure](#) describes details about the tax-free, one-time check for \$250 for people who enter the Part D donut hole and are not eligible for Medicare Extra Help.

[Health Insurance Portal Bulletin](#) provides guidance to state Medicaid Directors about the health insurance portal.

[Medicare and the New Health Law – What it Means for You](#). This mailing from CMS outlines key provisions of the Affordable Care Act for people with Medicare as well as members of their families. The mailing is being sent in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Letters

Administration officials issue letters requesting information, issuing guidance, announcing progress to date, and other implementation efforts.

[Letter from Secretary Sebelius to Governors, Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (July 26, 2010)

[Rate Review letter from Secretary Sebelius to Governors and State Insurance Commissioners](#) (June 7, 2010)

[Letter from Secretary Sebelius to Hill Leadership outlining HHS's Progress on Implementation Efforts](#) (May 24, 2010)

[State High Risk Pool cover letter from Jay Angoff, Director of the Office of Consumer Information and Oversight](#) (May 10, 2010)

[Letter from Secretary Sebelius to NAIC urging the association to provide guidance by June 1 to allow for timely implementation of the law](#) (April 12, 2010)

Grants

The Affordable Care Act creates a number of new grant opportunities. Below, you will find links to the grant centers for the agencies administering these grants. There, and at [Grants.gov](#), you can search for relevant grant opportunities.

[OCIIO State Planning and Establishment Grants](#) – search for CFDA number 93.525.

[OCIIO Health Insurance Premium Review Grants](#)

[Administration for Children and Families Grants](#)

[Administration on Aging Grants](#)

[Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#)

[Health Resources and Services Administration Grants](#)

[Indian Health Service Grants](#)

[National Institutes of Health Grants](#)

[Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants](#)

Brochures

Below you'll find brochures and materials related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

[Patient Protections & Insurance Reforms \(pdf\)](#)

[Poster: Are You Eligible for the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan? \(English pdf\) \(Spanish pdf\)](#)

[The Affordable Care Act — What it Means for Those with Pre-Existing \(English pdf\) \(Spanish pdf\)](#)

[Medicare and the New Health Care Law — What it Means for You \(pdf\)](#)

[Closing the Prescription Drug Coverage Gap \(pdf\)](#)

Fact Sheets

The fact sheets are condensed summaries of important provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

[Community Health Centers and the Affordable Care Act: Increasing Access to Affordable, Cost Effective, High Quality Care](#)

[About the New Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan](#)

[Establishing Health Insurance Exchanges and a New Competitive Marketplace](#)

[Fact Sheet: The Affordable Care Act: Protecting Consumers and Putting Patients Back in Charge of Their Care](#)

[Fact Sheet: Benefits for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders of New Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Prevention Coverage](#)

[Fact Sheet: Benefits for African Americans of New Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Prevention Coverage](#)

[Fact Sheet: Benefits for Latinos of New Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Prevention Coverage](#)

[Fact Sheet: Benefits for Seniors of New Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Prevention Coverage](#)

[Fact Sheet: Benefits for Women and Children of New Affordable Care Act Rules on Expanding Prevention Coverage](#)

[The Affordable Care Act's New Patient's Bill of Rights](#)

[Affordable Care Act: Laying the Foundation for Prevention](#)

[Creating Jobs and Increasing the Number of Primary Care Providers](#)

[Keeping the Health Plan You Have: The Affordable Care Act and "Grandfathered" Health Plans](#)

[Young Adults and the Affordable Care Act: Protecting Young Adults and Eliminating Burdens on Families and Businesses](#)

[The Affordable Care Act's Early Retiree Reinsurance Program](#)

[Increasing Choice and Saving Money for Small Businesses](#)

[Temporary High Risk Pool Program](#)

[Establishing the Web Portal Called For in The Affordable Care Act](#)

[New Tools to Fight Fraud](#)

[Learn the facts and statistics about how the Affordable Care Act will benefit each state.](#)

State By State Fact Sheets

Choose your state to learn more about the immediate benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

[State By State Fact Sheets](#)

Information for Your Community and You

[Health Reform for American Families \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Children \(pdf\) \(http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/family/index.html\)](#)

[Health Reform for Young Adults \(pdf\)](#)
(<http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/youngadults/index.html>)

[Health Reform for Early Retirees \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Seniors \(pdf\) \(http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/seniors/index.html\)](#)

[Health Reform for African Americans \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Latinos \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Rural Americans \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Women \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Small Businesses \(pdf\) \(http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/small/index.html\)](#)

[Health Reform for Large Employers](#)

[Health Reform for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Americans with Disabilities \(pdf\)](#)
(<http://www.healthcare.gov/foryou/disabilities/index.html>)

[Health Reform for LGBT Communities \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform for Veterans \(pdf\)](#)

[Health Reform Health Individuals](#)

[Health Reform Individuals with Health Conditions](#)

[Health Reform Pregnant Women](#)