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## Bifocal's February Sneak Peek

### **Affordable and Accessible Hearing Health Care: Responding to a Public Health Concern**

*By: Mary Helen McNeal*

With the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) future uncertain under a Trump administration, this article, authored in late 2016, sits in ambiguous territory. That said, regardless of how the ACA fares, the valuable insight into advocacy for those with hearing loss in need of assistance and the overview of recommendations for the future presented by this article are valuable. Part I of this article outlines legal arguments for those in need of an affordable mechanism to obtain hearing assistance, particularly in light of the ACA. Part II summarizes recent recommendations from the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine to expand access to, and the affordability of, hearing aids and other hearing health care.

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Proposals are due March 24.

Save the date for the National Aging and Law Conference in convenient Silver Spring, Maryland, a short 20-minute metro ride from downtown Washington, DC. NALC 2017 will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Silver Spring, MD, on October 26-27, 2017.

[Learn more about the Conference and download the RFP](#)

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