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## News Bulletin: Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Visit [HealthCare.Gov](http://HealthCare.Gov) and [CuidadodeSalud.Gov](http://CuidadodeSalud.Gov), two consumer-focused health care websites to: [find insurance options](#), [learn about prevention](#), [compare care quality](#), and [learn about the law](#). How is the Affordable Care Act helping you? Share your story [here](#).

### Secretary's Corner

#### \* December 5, 2012

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius spoke at the White House Tribal Nations Conference regarding the Department of Health and Human Services partnership with Indian Country. Find her full remarks [here](#).

#### \* December 3, 2012

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced that savings on prescription drugs made possible by the Affordable Care Act reached \$5.1 billion. More than 5.8 million people with Medicare have benefited from the assistance the health care law provides with the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap known as the donut hole. In the first 10 months of 2012 alone, almost 2.8 million individuals have saved an average of \$677 on prescription drugs. During the same period, about 23.4 million people with original Medicare received one or more preventive services at no cost to them, with 2.5 million having received an Annual Wellness Visit. Read the full release [here](#).

### Healthcare.gov Blog

#### \* December 3, 2012

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius wrote a blog reminding readers that Medicare Open Enrollment ends on December 7. "...If you haven't made up your mind yet about a health or drug plan, now is the time to make your selection. To help you sort through your choices, try using the Medicare Plan Finder to review the options in your area. It can help you decide the best mix of benefits and costs that meet your needs and budget." Read the full post [here](#).

### Brochures & Educational Materials

Below you'll find brochures and materials related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. For other brochures and resources visit: <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/brochures/index.html>.

#### \* [ACA Educational PowerPoints](#)

### The Top Five Things You Need to Know

\* Families with Children (PDF – [English 7.27 MB](#), [Spanish 1.23 MB](#))

\* Health Care Providers (PDF – [English 2.71 MB](#), [Spanish 517 KB](#))

\* People with Disabilities (PDF – [English 2.56 MB](#), [Spanish 930 KB](#))

\* Seniors (PDF – [English 11.3 MB](#), [Spanish 1.54 MB](#))

✳ Small Business Owners (PDF – English 4.22 MB, Spanish 646 KB)

✳ Young Adults (PDF – English 6.56 MB, Spanish 919 KB)

### **Information for Consumers and Small Businesses**

✳ The Health Care Law & You (PDF – 8.99 MB)

✳ Information for Small Businesses (PDF – 763 KB)

### **MyCare: Videos and Stories**

*Find videos and stories related to how the Affordable Care Act has helped individuals across the country. <http://www.healthcare.gov/mycare/stories.html>*

### **The Affordable Care Act at Two Years**

✳ The Affordable Care Act and Women

✳ The Affordable Care Act Gives American Families Greater Control Over Their Own Health Care

✳ The Affordable care Act Gives Parents Greater Control Over Their Children's Health Care

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Young Adults

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Seniors

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps African Americans

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Latinos

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Rural America

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Women

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Small Businesses

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps American Indians and Alaska Natives

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps Americans with Disabilities

✳ The Affordable Care Act Helps LGBT Americans

✳ Health Reform for American Veterans and Military Personnel

### **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

✳ Learn the facts and statistics about how the Affordable Care Act will benefit each state.

## Regulations and Guidance

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

- ✧ [Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment](#)
- ✧ [Eligibility Changes under Affordable Care Act](#)
- ✧ [Certain Preventive Services under Affordable Care Act](#)
- ✧ [Student Health Insurance Coverage](#)

## 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.*

- ✧ [CDC National Public Health Improvement Initiative \(NPHII\) Grants](#)
- ✧ [Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight 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](#)

## Special Programs

*Several new programs across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services support the work of the Affordable Care Act. You will find information about these programs on this page.*

- ✧ [Partnership for Patients: Better Care, Lower Costs](#)

## Councils & Groups

*The Affordable Care Act establishes a number of councils and groups to carry out provisions in the law. To learn more about the organizations, click on a link below:*

- ✧ [Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight \(CCIIO\)](#)
- ✧ [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation](#)
- ✧ [Interagency Working Group on Health Care Quality](#)
- ✧ [National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council](#)

