

Celebrating the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (PPACA) 7th anniversary of its signing

National Accomplishments (list not exhaustive)

1. Lowered the uninsured rate. 20 million people gained health insurance – 9 out of 10 Americans now have health insurance
2. Prohibits denials and/or reduced benefits (helping nearly 129 million Americans) for people with pre-existing health conditions
3. Required Essential Health Benefits (Hospital, Rx, Family Doc, Rehab, MH/SA, Specialty, ER, Lab, Pediatric vision/dental, no cost preventive care)
4. Created consumer financial protections – like limits on out-of-pocket costs, annual & lifetime limits, no discrimination by gender
5. Creates tax credit/subsidy to help low income families afford to purchase care
6. Eliminated out of pocket costs for 39 million Medicare beneficiaries (covering things like cancer screenings, bone-mass measurements, annual physicals – and phases out “donut hole” for almost 11 million Medicare Rx beneficiaries)
7. Provided funding to build, expand and operate Community Health Centers – who now serve 25 million
8. Provided incentives for hospitals to reduce hospital-acquired infections and avoidable readmissions – Avoidable readmissions have fallen since 2010 and saved more than \$20 billion
9. Established patient protections for all health insurance consumers
 - a. Insurers are required to spend your premium dollars on your actual care, not operating, marketing or bonus. And must rebate \$ to consumers, if not. In 2015 – 5.5 million consumers received almost 470 million in rebates. From 2011 – 2014 \$2.4 billion in total refunds paid out to consumers
10. Eliminates out of pocket costs for preventive services like immunizations, cancer screenings, contraception and behavioral assessments for children
11. Opened health insurance access to low-income childless adults (not in the home)



California Accomplishments (list not exhaustive)

- Over 5 million Californians have insurance as a result of the ACA — roughly a quarter of all Americans covered under the law. (CHCF)
- 3.7 million Californians enrolled in Medi-Cal under the ACA expansion — representing more than a quarter of the 13.6 million Californians now covered under Medi-Cal. 1.4 million bought insurance on Covered California. 1.2 million received federal subsidies.
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- Covered California, the state's health insurance marketplace, built a competitive marketplace that puts 1.2 million consumers in the driver's seat, giving them the power to select plans and providers.
- Community health centers saw a 63% increase in the number of Medi-Cal insured patients from 2013-2015. According to a study by the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF), safety-net clinics are providing care to 54 percent, or 1.3 million, new patients enrolled in California's Medicaid managed care plans after expansion.
- Thanks to the law and our collective work for patients - people are healthier. Communities are healthier. Parents can go to work, children can go to school, and tens of thousands of healthcare workers have good jobs that provide for their families.

