

States Are Benefiting from Provisions of the Affordable Care Act

The following are examples of provisions of the health care law that are already in effect and helping many Americans:

Uninsured Young Adults Who Are Eligible to Stay on Their Parents' Plan

Under the Affordable Care Act, young adults can stay on their parents' health insurance plan until they are 26. More than 3.4 million previously uninsured young adults are eligible to remain on their parents' plan.

Seniors and People with Disabilities Who Received a Prescription Drug Rebate Check in 2010

In 2010, seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare who reached the prescription drug "doughnut hole" received a rebate check of \$250 to help with their drug costs. In 2011, people who reach the doughnut hole will receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs and will be eligible for reduced-price generic drugs.

Seniors and People with Disabilities Who Have Access to Free Preventive Health Services

Under the Affordable Care Act, proven preventive services, such as mammograms, colonoscopies, and flu shots, are now provided free of charge to Medicare enrollees. In addition, an annual wellness visit will be provided to those enrolled in Medicare at no cost.

Children with Pre-Existing Conditions Who Are Now Protected

Insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to children who have pre-existing health conditions or offer them a plan that does not cover care for their pre-existing condition. Nearly 5 million children are diagnosed with a pre-existing condition that could have resulted in a denial of coverage prior to reform. Under the Affordable Care Act, these children are protected.

Small Businesses That Are Eligible for a Premium Tax Credit

Small businesses with fewer than 25 employees and an average wage of less than \$50,000 are now eligible for tax credits to help cover the cost of health insurance premiums for their employees. These tax credits cover up to 35 percent of premiums. More than 4 million small businesses—83.7 percent of all U.S. small businesses—met the average wage and firm size criteria to receive the credits in 2010.

Number Who Already Benefit from Selected Provisions of the Affordable Care Act

State	Uninsured Young Adults Who Are Eligible to Stay on Their Parents' Plan ¹	Medicare Beneficiaries Who Received a Prescription Drug Rebate Check in 2010 ²	Medicare Beneficiaries Who Have Access to Free Preventive Health Services ³	Children with Pre-Existing Conditions Who Are Protected ⁴	Small Businesses That Are Eligible For a Premium Tax Credit ⁵
Alabama	62,100	57,500	835,800	91,300	50,600
Alaska	8,200	2,300	64,800	12,700	10,400
Arizona	79,200	69,900	858,900	105,200	72,600
Arkansas	37,400	36,100	527,100	57,300	39,900
California	504,600	349,300	4,684,800	576,500	456,500
Colorado	46,100	42,400	606,000	72,700	82,400
Connecticut	28,800	42,200	562,600	44,200	44,000
Delaware	7,600	12,800	147,300	13,500	11,300
District of Columbia	5,400	2,700	77,400	8,000	6,800
Florida	240,200	256,000	3,307,700	244,800	246,000
Georgia	146,100	106,400	1,218,900	164,200	120,300
Hawaii	8,700	24,400	204,400	16,500	16,300
Idaho	15,700	16,300	225,700	28,100	29,800
Illinois	130,900	151,900	1,823,000	226,900	159,900
Indiana	64,200	88,800	997,000	121,400	88,100
Iowa	25,700	46,000	513,900	51,300	51,100
Kansas	25,100	40,800	430,000	50,300	45,800
Kentucky	49,900	68,700	752,800	84,700	51,100
Louisiana	59,300	55,700	677,900	81,400	57,400
Maine	7,900	12,700	262,300	18,800	25,800
Maryland	55,600	54,700	775,700	88,600	66,000
Massachusetts	17,900	70,300	1,049,500	80,800	81,300
Michigan	98,500	90,800	1,636,300	180,900	126,300
Minnesota	37,600	66,700	775,900	85,700	77,900
Mississippi	40,000	34,500	492,300	61,700	34,100
Missouri	75,700	82,800	993,000	115,100	85,100
Montana	10,200	11,500	167,600	16,400	27,100
Nebraska	15,500	26,000	277,400	32,300	33,200
Nevada	38,700	24,800	348,200	36,200	29,600

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New Hampshire	11,900	14,100	215,300	16,100	19,600
New Jersey	87,000	132,600	1,316,800	106,700	126,800
New Mexico	23,800	19,900	308,800	36,400	24,800
New York	191,100	252,300	2,964,300	260,700	285,000
North Carolina	115,500	113,800	1,468,700	164,300	126,100
North Dakota	5,300	10,900	108,100	11,800	15,200
Ohio	117,500	146,600	1,880,900	209,800	127,800
Oklahoma	52,400	57,100	597,200	66,900	50,300
Oregon	44,300	49,700	602,700	61,300	67,100
Pennsylvania	89,100	247,400	2,261,100	177,900	160,700
Rhode Island	8,700	15,800	181,300	13,800	15,700
South Carolina	44,200	54,600	761,700	79,700	53,200
South Dakota	9,700	11,900	135,600	15,200	17,600
Tennessee	70,800	86,700	1,043,000	115,000	66,500
Texas	409,600	221,100	2,947,700	420,300	248,700
Utah	29,000	22,300	277,800	51,600	37,800
Vermont	5,000	7,100	110,100	8,300	13,100
Virginia	53,900	84,300	1,129,200	123,500	102,600
Washington	64,800	62,500	954,400	106,000	110,000
West Virginia	17,900	39,100	379,500	35,700	21,200
Wisconsin	40,200	64,000	900,700	94,700	86,100
Wyoming	5,500	6,000	79,500	9,300	12,700
U.S. Total	3,440,000	3,665,000	45,918,500	4,952,100	4,015,300

¹ Source: Estimate of the number of uninsured young adults eligible to remain on their parents' plan is from interim final rules for the dependent coverage provision (May 13, 2010), distributed across the states based upon the proportion of all uninsured young adults (ages 19-25) in the U.S. residing in the state. More detail available upon request.

² Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates of doughnut hole checks mailed as of March 22, 2011. Data presented here are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia only. An additional 91,700 Medicare beneficiaries in the U.S. territories received doughnut hole checks, bringing the total distributed to date to nearly 3.8 million. Data available online at <http://www.healthcare.gov/center/reports/medicare03222011a.html>.

³ Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, *Estimate of Total Number of Medicare Beneficiaries, 2010*, available online at <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparemaptable.jsp?ind=290&cat=6>.

⁴ Source: Estimates based on pre-existing conditions diagnosed or treated in 2007, prepared by The Lewin Group for Families USA. More detail available upon request.

⁵ Source: Claire McAndrew and Kathleen Stoll, *A Helping Hand for Small Businesses: Health Insurance Tax Credits* (Washington: Families USA, July 2010).



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