

# THE Affordable Care Act & YOU

The following resources listed here are meant for you to browse, call or read more about the Affordable Care Act and how it's affecting people just like you across Texas. It's by no means a comprehensive list of everything available, but please feel free to use all or parts of this document to help those you serve who can benefit from this information.

## Local websites, phone numbers & tools available here in Texas...

- Visit Cancer Alliance of Texas's website at <http://www.cancerallianceoftexas.org/> to learn more about how the Texas Cancer Plan affects you and what's being done in Texas to help implement the Texas Cancer Plan as well as other helpful resources such as an updated list of upcoming trainings on the Affordable Care Act
- Find a local Certified Application Counselor or Navigator. There are over 300 places in Texas that can assist you. Call 1-800-318-2596 to find a local service provider.
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) trained specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at American Cancer Society's National Call In Center located in Austin. That number is 1-800-237-2345
- Cost assistance (subsidy) calculator - [Kaiser Family Foundation](#)
- You can find the health insurance marketplace for Texas along with premium estimate at <https://www.healthcare.gov>
- For more information on resources for cancer available right here in Texas, visit [www.texascancer.info](http://www.texascancer.info)
- The Center for Public Priorities focuses solely on evaluating public policy as it affects low and moderate-income Texans and all of us. For more information on this and other resources, visit <http://forabettertexas.org/>
- The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit non-partisan research institute whose mission is to promote and defend liberty, personal responsibility and free enterprise in Texas and the Nation by educating and affecting policymakers and the Texas public policy debate with academically sound research and outreach. For more information, visit <http://www.texaspolicy.com/>
- Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy collaborates with experts from academia, government, the media, business, and nongovernmental and private organizations. In conjunction with its more than 20 programs, the institute attracts many domestic and foreign leaders who provide their views and insights on major issues. Speakers have included U.S.

presidents and cabinet members, world leaders and heads of government, and numerous foreign dignitaries from around the globe. For more information on this and other research, visit <http://bakerinstitute.org/>

## National Reports...

- Action for Health Justice (AHJ): New report. *Improving the Road to Coverage: Policy Recommendations for Enrollment Success*. This report outlines barriers to access and provides recommendations to build and improve outreach, education, and enrollment efforts for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. [Read full report](#) | [PDF](#)
- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL): New report. *Medicaid and Marketplace Outreach and Enrollment Options for States*. Provides information on the number of people who enrolled in health plans through the exchanges, as well as the challenges to states' efforts to enroll individuals in marketplaces and Medicaid. [Read full report](#)

## Helpful Websites & free pdfs available for download...

- [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov) [cuidadodesalud.gov](http://cuidadodesalud.gov) 1-800-318-2596 TTY: 1-855-889-4325 National Health Insurance Marketplace - information and enrollment for individuals, families and businesses - multiple language support
- [EnrollAmerica.org](http://EnrollAmerica.org) or 202-737-6340 Resources for stakeholders at both the national and state levels who are working to implement consumer-friendly enrollment practices across the country
- [GetCoveredAmerica.org](http://GetCoveredAmerica.org) [Your guide on how to get ready to shop for health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace.](#)
- <http://marketplace.cms.gov>
- <https://twitter.com/HealthCareGov>
- <http://www.kaiserhealthnews.org/>
- [Out2Enroll.org](http://Out2Enroll.org) [National campaign and online resources to inform and engage the LGBT community about healthcare coverage options under the Affordable Care Act.](#)
- **Optimizing LGBT Health Under the Affordable Care Act: Strategies for Health Centers**  
<http://www.lgbthealtheducation.org/wp-content/uploads/Brief-Optimizing-LGBT-Health-Under-ACA-FINAL-12-06-2013.pdf>
- **From Coverage to Care** is an initiative to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them, so they can live a long and healthy life <http://marketplace.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/c2c.html>
- **The Health Care Law: How It Can Help People With Cancer and their Families** – The American Cancer Society's consumer-friendly guide to the ACA is available. To download a free copy of this document, visit <http://www.acscan.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/ACS-How-the-ACA-Helps-People-w-Cancer-Revised-7.13.pdf>

- **Ley de Atención Médica: Cómo esta ley puede ayudar a las personas con cáncer y a sus familias** – The Spanish language version of the ACA consumer guide is available. To download a free copy of this document, visit [http://action.acscan.org/site/DocServer/Consumer\\_Guide\\_-\\_Spanish.pdf?docID=23350](http://action.acscan.org/site/DocServer/Consumer_Guide_-_Spanish.pdf?docID=23350)
- **[acscan.org/healthcare](http://acscan.org/healthcare)** – The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network’s (ACS CAN) website offers a variety of resources to educate patients about the ACA.
- ACS CAN answers frequently asked questions about the ACA in the following documents:
  - **The Health Insurance Marketplace** – Download your free copy at <http://acscan.org/pdf/healthcare/implementation/ACS-The-Health-Insurance-Marketplace.pdf>
  - **Medicaid and the Health Care Law** – Download your free copy at <http://acscan.org/pdf/healthcare/implementation/ACS-Medicaid-and-the-Health-Care-Law.pdf>
  - **How Health Insurance Works** – Download your free copy at <http://acscan.org/pdf/healthcare/implementation/ACS-How-Health-Insurance-Works.pdf>
  - **Breast Cancer and the Health Care Law** – Download your free copy at <http://acscan.org/pdf/healthcare/implementation/factsheets/hcr-breast-cancer.pdf>
- **Tips for Choosing Health Insurance** – Download your free copy at <http://www.acscan.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Tips-for-Choosing-Health-Insurance.pdf>
- **Tips for Choosing Health Insurance that Covers Your Prescriptions** – Download your free copy at <http://www.acscan.org/content/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Tips-for-Choosing-Best-Prescription-Drug-Coverage.pdf>
- The **Kaiser Family Foundation Consumer Resources** on the ACA includes a consumer-friendly video, answers questions to hundreds of questions, and resources in Spanish. Visit <http://kff.org/aca-consumer-resources/> to learn more about it.
- The Urban Institute gathers data, conducts research, evaluates programs, offers technical assistance overseas, and educates Americans on social and economic issues — to foster sound public policy and effective government. For more information, visit <http://www.urban.org/>
- The Commonwealth Fund promotes a high-performing healthcare system that achieves better access, improved quality and greater efficiency, particularly for society’s most vulnerable, including low-income people, the uninsured, minority Americans, young children and elderly adults. For more information on the Commonwealth Fund, visit <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/>