



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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NUMBERS TO KNOW

Expanded Coverage:

- Since ACA enrollment began in October 2013, the uninsured rate has dropped by 35 percent – from 20.3 percent to 11.4 percent today. [\[HHS\]](#)
- Overall, 17.6 million uninsured Americans have gained health insurance coverage since enactment of the Affordable Care Act. [\[HHS\]](#)
- As of March 31, 2015, 10.2 million consumers had coverage in Health Insurance Marketplace plans. [\[HHS\]](#)
- 13.2 million additional individuals have enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP since the beginning of Open Enrollment in October 2013. [\[CMS\]](#)

New Consumer Protections:

- 129 million Americans with pre-existing health conditions, including 17 million children, no longer have to worry about being denied coverage or charged higher premiums due to their health status. [\[HHS\]](#)
- 105 million Americans no longer have a lifetime limit or an annual limit on their coverage. [\[HHS\]](#)

Savings and Benefits for Seniors:

- 9.4 million seniors have saved more than \$15 billion on their prescription drugs since 2010 – an average savings of \$1,598 per senior. [\[HHS\]](#)
- 39 million seniors in Medicare have received free preventive services with no co-pay under the ACA, due to the new free preventive services benefit. [\[HHS\]](#)
- Medicare Part B premiums are lower than they were before the ACA was enacted, and have held steady for the last three years. [\[HHS\]](#)

- Since the enactment of the ACA, the solvency of the Medicare Trust Fund has been extended by 13 years. [\[CMS\]](#)

Savings for Other Consumers:

- The average premium for employer-provided coverage went up only 3 percent in 2014 – tied for the lowest increase on record since the survey began in 1999.
- Americans have saved \$9 billion since 2011, because of the new requirement that insurers have to spend at least 80 percent of every premium dollar they receive on quality health care. [\[HHS\]](#)
- 85 percent of consumers buying health plans in the Marketplace are receiving tax credits to make their plans affordable. [\[HHS\]](#) Nearly 8 in 10 consumers in the Marketplace can get covered for \$100 or less a month after tax credits. [\[HHS\]](#)
- 76 million Americans in private plans have received new or expanded access to free preventive services, with no co-pay. [\[HHS\]](#)

Savings for Taxpayers:

- Over the last few years, health care spending has been growing at the slowest rate in over 50 years – benefiting taxpayers and consumers. [\[CEA\]](#)
- Taxpayers have saved \$116 billion through improvements to Medicare health delivery under the ACA. [\[White House\]](#)
- \$19.2 billion has been recovered for taxpayers from stepped-up anti-fraud efforts in Medicare and other health programs under the ACA. [\[HHS\]](#)

Improved Quality:

- 50,000 lives and \$12 billion have been saved, due to a 17 percent reduction in hospital-acquired conditions, such as infections, from 2010 to 2013, under the ACA. [\[HHS\]](#)
- Under the ACA, unnecessary hospital readmissions in Medicare have fallen for the first time on record, resulting in 150,000 fewer readmissions. [\[HHS\]](#)
- In 2014, in a survey, 78 percent of newly insured consumers in the Marketplace, including 74 percent of Republicans, expressed satisfaction with their coverage. [\[Commonwealth Fund\]](#)