



What the Affordable Care Act Means for Rhode Island

Key provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) mean that today in Rhode Island:

- Over 90,000 residents have gained access to health insurance, 65,000 of them under Medicaid expansion.
- Rhode Islanders with pre-existing conditions like cancer, asthma, diabetes and heart disease can no longer be denied health coverage based on their illness; and
- Rhode Island receives millions in federal dollars that helps support our health care system – including jobs for people who work at hospitals, health centers, in nursing homes, and for home care agencies.

But it isn't just the ACA that's under attack!

- For generations, Medicare has provided comprehensive coverage to seniors and people with disabilities. Congress is threatening to privatize Medicare by making people buy coverage from private insurers. This would put poor people and elderly at the whim of the private insurance market.
- Congress and the new administration continue to attack preventative healthcare for women and protection of reproductive rights, especially with the threat to defund Planned Parenthood.

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