

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (Affordable Care Act)

Staying Up-To-Date and Understanding Implementation

The passage of the Affordable Care Act was not the end of health reform for families, providers, policy makers and advocates. Instead it marks the beginning of what will be a multiyear process of implementation. Many decisions remain to be made at both the state and national levels. The following are some of the sources of information you can connect to as you follow and participate in the implementation process. As always it is critical to fact check any information to ensure accuracy.

Reading the full text of the Act may seem like a daunting process. And while it may not be necessary to do so, it is helpful to have the text to reference.

Full Text of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148):

<http://democrats.senate.gov/reform/patient-protection-affordable-care-act-as-passed.pdf>

Full Text of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (P.L. 111-152):

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h4872enr.txt.pdf

National Information:

The health reform gateway page from the Kaiser Family Foundation provides key information, news and analysis about national health care reform efforts.

<http://healthreform.kff.org/>

The Center for Children and Families (CCF) is an independent, nonpartisan policy and research center whose mission is to expand and improve health coverage for America's children and families.

<http://ccf.georgetown.edu>

The Center's Blog, Say Ahhh!, provides ongoing updates including about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

<http://www.theccfblog.org>

The official U.S. Government website, managed by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and dedicated to health reform, includes significant resources and will link to soon-to-be-launched portals and other key information.

<http://www.healthreform.gov>

A Web portal from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services that offers users the information and insights needed to cover, analyze and implement recently passed health reform legislation

www.healthreformgps.org

Indiana Information:

Family Voices Indiana will seek to update stakeholders about implementation in Indiana and opportunity to share perspectives and give input. Stakeholders and policymakers are encouraged to share updates with this network by contacting FV.indiana@gmail.com.

<http://fvindiana.blogspot.com>

