



Women's Health Council of RI

Affordable Care Act

PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY AND OPPORTUNITY

2010

Required all new plans to cover certain preventive services such as mammograms and colonoscopies without charging a deductible, co-pay or coinsurance.

2011

Provided no-cost preventive care for seniors on Medicare, such as annual wellness visits and personalized prevention plans.

2013

Improves preventive health coverage by providing new funding to state Medicaid programs that choose to cover preventive services for patients at little or no cost.

2014

Requires all Americans who can afford health insurance to purchase it and pay an amount they can afford, and helps those who can't with subsidies on a sliding scale.

Benefits for Women

LOWER COSTS

Prohibits dollar limits on lifetime coverage.

Prevents insurers from charging women more than men for the same coverage.

Provides preventive care, including mammograms and screening for domestic violence, free-of-charge.

Requires health plans to include maternity care.

IMPROVES CARE

Prohibits denial of coverage due to a pre-existing condition in children and teens; and starting in 2014 for adults.

Prevents insurers from canceling policies when someone gets sick.

Allows children to stay on parent's insurance until they turn 26.

IMPROVES ACCESS

Requires that all new health plans allow women to visit the OB/GYN of their choice without needing a referral.

Invests in primary care to grow the number of family doctors across the country.

Requires standardized insurance forms so doctors can spend more time with patients.

HELPS FAMILIES AFFORD GOOD INSURANCE

Creates one-stop shopping through new insurance exchanges (by 2014).

Provides tax credits to help families purchase quality insurance of their choice (by 2014).

Provides tax credits so small businesses can buy and keep good insurance for their employees.

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