



Women's Health Council of RI

Affordable Care Act Timeline

KEY PROVISIONS DESIGNED TO GIVE HEALTHCARE CONTROL BACK TO DOCTORS AND THEIR PATIENTS

2010

Created incentives to expand number of primary care doctors, nurses and physician assistants.

Increased payments for rural health care professionals.

Prohibited insurers from denying coverage to children based on pre-existing conditions.

Extended coverage for young adults who can stay on parents' plan until they turn 26 years old.

Prohibited insurance companies from rescinding coverage.

Eliminated lifetime limits on insurance coverage.

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

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2011

Provided a 10% Medicare bonus payment for primary care services and general surgeons practicing in shortage areas.

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

Authorized \$50 million for five-year demonstration grants to states to develop alternatives to current tort litigations.

2012

Encouraged coordinated care via formation of medical team organizations, which allow the team to profit by providing better care at lower costs, stressing prevention, and reducing unnecessary hospital admissions.

Reduces paperwork and administrative costs by standardizing billing, and requiring health plans to adopt and implement rules for the secure, confidential, electronic exchange of health information.

2013

Increases Medicaid reimbursements to match Medicare rates for primary care services.

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

Prohibits insurers from discriminating due to pre-existing conditions in adults.

Eliminates annual limits on insurance coverage.

Allows doctors with small private practices to join with other small businesses and purchase health insurance through competitive health insurance marketplaces.

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