



## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

### BENEFITS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN NEW YORK

The Affordable Care Act does more than just give millions of uninsured Americans access to health insurance. It helps Americans who already have insurance feel more secure in their coverage, ensuring it'll be there when they need it.

In New York, the benefits of the health care law are real, with critical consumer protections. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, in New York:

- 4,695,000 individuals on private insurance have gained coverage for at least one free preventive health care service such as a mammogram, birth control, or an immunization. An additional 2,338,544 people with Medicare have received at least one preventive service at no out-of-pocket cost.
- The up to 8,616,000 individuals with pre-existing conditions such as asthma, cancer, or diabetes – including up to 1,048,000 children – will no longer have to worry about being denied coverage or charged higher prices because of their health status or history.
- Nearly 800,000 uninsured New Yorkers gained access to new health insurance options through Medicaid or private health plans in the Marketplace.
- Approximately 2,964,000 New Yorkers have gained expanded mental health and substance use disorder benefits and/or federal parity protections.
- As a result of new policies that make sure premium dollars work for the consumer, not just the insurer, in the past year insurance companies have sent over \$12 million in refunds to approximately 617,465 consumers.
- In the first ten months of 2014, 146,000 seniors and people with disabilities have saved on average \$917 on prescription medications as the health care law closes Medicare's so-called "donut hole."
- 160,000 young adults have gained health insurance because they can now stay on their parents' health plans until age 26.
- Health centers have received \$377,815,163 to provide primary care, establish new sites, and renovate existing centers to expand access to quality health care. New York has approximately 600 health center sites, which served about 1,700,000 individuals in 2012.