

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

ACA or Obamacare

What You Need to Know!

October 1st starts the implementation of the ACA/Obamacare. Health Insurance Marketplaces are now open for business in Texas and nationwide where individuals and businesses can begin enrolling in health insurance plans.

What is a Health Insurance Marketplace?

It is a destination where uninsured Texans can compare insurance options in simple and easy to understand language. They can compare insurance options based on price, benefits and quality and find the insurance plan that best fits their needs.

What is the purpose of the Health Insurance Marketplace?

To provide an opportunity for uninsured Texans to compare and enroll in quality and affordable health insurance plans. We have 6.2 million uninsured people in Texas -- that's 25% of our entire population who need access to more affordable healthcare coverage.

Who does this affect?

If you already have private health insurance, Medicaid or Medicare then this is NOT for you. The marketplaces are only for those with no healthcare coverage.

How do I enroll?

There are 3 ways to enroll in the Marketplaces.

1. Online

Visit www.healthcare.gov or in Spanish at www.CuidadoDeSalud.gov

2. Telephone

Call 1-800-318-2596

3. In Person

There will be certified organizations that you can visit in person that will assist you with the application and enrollment process. These people have been trained and certified to help you. These places will vary by county and area so please visit the above websites.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Nuestra Clinica del Valle
2900 N. Raul Longoria Rd
San Juan, TX 78589
(956) 781-6077

Area Agency on Aging
255 S. Kansas
Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 682-3481

NUECES COUNTY

Amistad Community Health Center
1533 Brownlee
Corpus Christi, TX 78404
(361) 884-2242

Community Action Agency
101 S.P.I.D. (Central office)
Corpus Christi, TX 78405
(361) 883-7201

How long do I have to enroll?

Enrollment is from October 1, 2013 until March 31, 2014. In most cases, healthcare coverage will begin on January 1, 2014.