

# Affordable Care Act Provision Timeline

## EFFECTIVE NOW

- **Prescription Drug Relief for Seniors.** \$250 rebate checks are being sent to seniors when they hit the Medicare Part D prescription coverage donut hole.
- **Funding Prevention.** A new \$15 billion fund will invest in preventive measures to keep Californians healthy, such as programs to combat obesity.
- **Primary Care Workforce Training.** By providing scholarships and tax incentives, the law will allow more Californians to achieve their dreams of becoming a doctor or nurse.

## EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

- **No Discrimination Against Children With Existing Illnesses.** From now on, insurers must cover any child with a pre-existing illness such as asthma or childhood diabetes.
- **Insurance Companies Prohibited from Dropping Coverage Because Someone Gets Sick.** Many insurance companies place a lifetime limit on coverage, and can simply stop paying for your care if you develop a costly condition such as cancer. The law outlaws this practice.
- **Eliminating Lifetime Limits on Insurance Coverage.** Under the new law, insurance companies will not be able to place dollar limits on essential benefits such as hospital stays, ensuring every Californian receives the care they need.
- **Preventive Care.** Under the new health care law, insurance will cover preventive services such as annual check-ups, mammograms, immunizations for kids, or cancer screenings.
- **Young Adults Covered Until Age 26.** Under the new law, young adults can stay on their parents' plan until they turn 26 years old.

## EFFECTIVE 2011

- **Strengthening Community Health Clinics.** The health care law increases funding to community health clinics to improve access to medical, dental, and mental health care, and clinic employees will be better trained to care for patients who don't speak English.

## EFFECTIVE 2013 AND 2014

- **Additional Funding Children's Health.** Under the new law, families will receive additional funding to cover children who are not eligible for Medicaid. Effective October 1, 2013.
- **Eliminating Annual Limits on Insurance Coverage.** The law prohibits plans from imposing annual dollar limits on the amount of coverage an individual may receive. Effective January 1, 2014.
- **No Discrimination Due to Existing Illnesses.** The law prohibits insurance companies from refusing to sell coverage to an individual because they have a pre-existing illness. Effective January 1, 2014.
- **Makes Care More Affordable.** The law includes provisions that will ensure health care coverage is affordable to Californians at every income level. Effective January 1, 2014.