



## **WHAT HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS FOR...**

### **CHILDREN**

- **ALREADY IN EFFECT:** NO more discrimination based on pre-existing conditions
- **ALREADY IN EFFECT:** Young adults allowed to stay on their parents' health insurance plans until age 26
- Additional funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and a requirement for states to maintain eligibility requirements

### **LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS**

- Expansion of Medicaid to cover low-income individuals with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level
- Provision of federal subsidies to individuals with incomes up to 400% of the federal poverty level to help them afford health insurance coverage in the newly created state-based exchanges

### **SENIORS**

- **ALREADY IN EFFECT:** Seniors in Medicare can receive rebates to help them pay for prescription drugs while other provisions take effect to eventually close the so-called "donut hole" in prescription drug coverage
- Medicare solvency will be extended by improvements to payment accuracy, expansion of funding and authority to fight fraud, waste and abuse of the program, and elimination of overpayments to private Medicare plans

### **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

- Creates the Community First Choice Option, allowing state Medicaid plans to choose home and community-based services and supports as the rule, rather than the exception, for Medicaid-eligible individuals with disabilities who would otherwise require institutional care
- Creates the Community Living Assistance Services and Supports Act, or CLASS Act, a voluntary health insurance program to pay for long-term health services and supports.

### **Health Care Reform Benefits EVERYONE: Let's protect it!**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will help fix the broken health care system and make health insurance affordable and accessible for everyone, especially the populations highlighted above. But some Members of Congress are threatening to repeal or de-fund the health care reform law.

#### **Act now to protect health care reform:**

- Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and urge your Senators and Representative to protect health care reform.
- Send an e-mail via the RAC's Chai Impact Action Center at <http://action.rac.org>
- Sign the RAC's petition to support health reform via the RAC's Chai Impact Action Center.

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