

# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

## HOW THE HEALTH CARE LAW BENEFITS ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

The Affordable Care Act includes several provisions that are expected to significantly improve health outcomes for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. New estimates from RAND suggest that 2.0 million Asian Americans who would otherwise be uninsured will be covered or eligible for coverage by 2016 through the expansion of Medicaid eligibility and the creation of Affordable Insurance Exchanges. Many other valuable benefits, including coverage for young adults and preventive services without cost-sharing, are already in effect and benefiting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders across the country. The Affordable Care Act benefits Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in many other ways, including:

- **Improving Chronic Disease Management.** The Affordable Care Act's Innovation Center explores opportunities to invest in care innovations such as community health teams to improve the management of chronic disease.
- **Increasing Access to Community Health Centers.** The Affordable Care Act increases the funding available to the more than 1,100 community health centers in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, and the additional funding will enable them to increase the number of patients they serve.
- **Strengthening Cultural Competency in Health Care.** The Affordable Care Act includes initiatives to strengthen cultural competency training among health care providers. These initiatives will help providers better understand and respond to the particular experiences and needs of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- **Addressing Health Disparities.** The Affordable Care Act invests in data collection and research focused on disparities in health and health care to help us better understand the causes of disparities and effective programs to eliminate them.