

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

HOW THE HEALTH CARE LAW BENEFITS HISPANIC AMERICANS

The Affordable Care Act is improving the lives of Hispanic Americans across a range of health care issues. It expands coverage for millions of Latinos, increases access to critical primary and preventive care services, and begins to address health disparities that plague underserved communities. The benefits provided by the health care law will lead to better health outcomes for Hispanic Americans and ensure they have access to the care they need, when and where they need it, by:

- **Increasing access to preventive services** giving the 6.1 million Latinos who are currently covered by private insurance free access to preventive care.
- **Eliminating caps on lifetime coverage** ensuring the estimated 11.8 million Latinos with private insurance who suffer from serious or chronic diseases will no longer risk losing their insurance when they need it most.
- **Increasing access to Community Health Centers**, increasing the funding to encourage health centers to expand to underserved areas, modernize, and increase primary care and preventive services.
- **Increasing access to coverage** for roughly 5.4 million Latinos who will gain coverage by 2016.
- **Addressing health disparities**, making investments in data collection and research to understand and address the problem and creating an Innovation Center to lead initiatives such as community health teams designed to improve management of chronic diseases.
- **Lowering the cost of care for seniors**, providing free extended preventive services for 3.9 million elderly and disabled Latinos.