

THE ACA IS WORKING IN NEW JERSEY

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By numerous measures, the Affordable Care Act is working in New Jersey.

More Coverage, Many Options

- More than 800,000 N.J. residents have gained health insurance under the ACA – about 560,000 through Medicaid expansion and 250,000 through the ACA’s Marketplace.
- N.J. residents have a robust selection of options in the ACA’s Marketplace, with two major insurers providing 19 different insurance products for consumers to choose from.
- About 76 percent of N.J. residents receive subsidies toward the cost of their monthly premiums. Those subsidies lower their premiums by an average of \$267 per month.
- In the most recent enrollment period, 61 percent of New Jerseyans could find an ACA Marketplace plan for less than \$100 per month.
- Today, the state’s uninsured rate has declined to about 6 percent, the lowest on record.

Increased Federal Dollars

- The State of New Jersey has gained \$4.4 billion annually in federal matching dollars to support Medicaid expansion. Medicaid provides coverage to 1.8 million state residents, including one of every three children in the state. The majority of Medicaid expenditures – about 70 percent – support care for senior citizens and those with disabilities.
- The amount of documented charity care provided by N.J. hospitals has declined from \$1 billion to \$480 million, thanks to greater insurance coverage and efforts by health systems, hospitals and other stakeholders to enroll more individuals.

Improved Healthcare

- N.J. hospitals have embraced ACA models to increase the value of healthcare through increased efficiency and improved quality.
- More than 77,000 cases of patient harm were averted, with \$641 million in associated healthcare cost savings, under Partnership for Patients-NJ, an initiative created under the ACA in which N.J. hospitals have worked with the New Jersey Hospital Association in a “hospital engagement network.” The data-driven initiative focuses on reducing so-called hospital-acquired conditions such as post-surgical infections, adverse medical events and pressures ulcers.
- Among their ACA efficiency efforts, N.J. hospitals have reduced the 30-day readmission rate by 30 percent since 2012. Last year, the state’s rate of improvement was the second-best in the nation.