

Expanded Coverage

A significant goal of the Affordable Care Act is near universal coverage. To accomplish this, a mandate requiring most U.S. citizens and legal residents to have health insurance is included. There are individual regulations that support this initiative by:

- Expanding Medicaid coverage
- Removing bans on coverage of individuals with pre-existing conditions
- Setting required groundwork for the formation of state-based health insurance exchanges
- Supplying assistance for individuals to procure insurance
- Expanding coverage of dependents up to age 26