

Affordable Care Act

With the passage of the [Affordable Care Act](#) in [2010](#), healthcare metrics and patient [outcomes](#), especially [mortality rates](#), are increasingly emphasized as integral measures of overall [quality of care](#) and [hospital reimbursements](#) ^{1) 2) 3) 4)}.

The comprehensive Healthcare reform law enacted in March [2010](#) (sometimes known as ACA, PPACA, or “Obamacare”).

The law has 3 primary goals:

Make affordable health insurance available to more people. The law provides consumers with subsidies (“premium tax credits”) that lower costs for households with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level. Expand the Medicaid program to cover all adults with income below 138% of the federal poverty level. (Not all states have expanded their Medicaid programs.) Support innovative medical care delivery methods designed to lower the costs of Healthcare generally.

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