



Affordable Care Act Online Resources

On line resources abound! This list is just to get you started. There are many more organizations working on healthcare reform than can be summed up here.

The material is continuously being updated. The best way to get the latest information about your interest is to sign up for their e-mail newsletters. The sign ups can be found on their websites which are included here.

Please see: [Social Work's Role in Health Care Reform](#), by Sherrill Clark, Gwen Foster, & Meghan Morris, a CalSWEC white paper presented to the CalSWEC Board February 2011 for a broad and comprehensive statement about social work's role in healthcare reform.

FRAMEWORK: ARTICLES CAN BE FOUND THROUGH A UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SEARCH

Engle, George L. (1977). The need for a new medical model: A challenge for biomedicine. *Science*, 196, 129-136.

Gawande, Atul (January 24, 2011). The hot spotters: Can we lower medical costs by giving the neediest patients better care? *The New Yorker*.

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/01/24/110124fa_fact_gawande#ixzz2JO5QKNSu

Gladwell, Malcolm (2005) the moral-hazard myth: The bad idea behind our failed health care system. *New Yorker*, 44-49. <http://flash.lakeheadu.ca/~kyu/E2017/Moral-Hazard.pdf>

STATE POLICY

1. National Governors Association <http://statepolicyoptions.nga.org/>

[State Health Policy Options](#) : A tool for policymakers exploring solutions to health policy problems, including workforce concerns such as scope of practice and workforce planning.

Focus on recent ACA-related topics:

[Health Insurance Exchanges](#)

[Newly Eligible Populations](#)

[Insurance Market Evolution](#)

2. CalDuals: "Keeping you informed about Medicare and Medi-Cal integration." www.calduals.org

This is a special web site from the California Department of Health Services about services for the elderly poor.

CalDuals: “People enrolled in both the federal Medicare program and the state-run Medi-Cal program are known as ‘dually eligible beneficiaries’ or ‘dual eligibles.’

New coordinated care systems have been proposed for development and implementation in several California counties in an effort to make accessing care less confusing and more efficient for dual eligibles.

The goal of this website is to help you learn about the care coordination proposal and to keep you updated on new developments.”

Updated timeline for implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) in California in which 8 counties (Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino) are piloting.

Home and Community based services guidance as part of the CalDuals demonstration projects. Addresses the intersection, not only of the two major public health insurance products Medicare and Medi-Cal but also of home and community. http://www.calduals.org/2013/01/27/hcbs_guidance/

<http://www.calduals.org/cci-documents/cci-fact-sheets/>

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & THINK TANKS

1. Health Workforce Information Center

Needs for increasing the primary care workforce

http://www.hwic.org/news/jan13/interview-with-nga-state-health-workforce-policy.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hwn2013jan

2. American Public Health Association www.apha.org

Have questions about health reform? <http://www.apha.org/advocacy/Health+Reform/> includes ACA basics, implementation, advocacy, implications of the Supreme Court decision of 2012, and other resources.

3. American Hospital Association www.aha.org

Hospital workforce and health care delivery focus

Recent paper: Workforce roles in a redesigned primary care model.

4. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) www.naswdc.org

National NASW staff held a series of webinars in 2012 about the Affordable Care Act and implications for social work.

NASW offers Specialty Practice Sections for social workers. One has to be a subscriber to access these documents. For example, the Health Practice Section offers a variety of resources in the *Practice Perspectives Series*. Here are the latest ones:

- Essential Health Benefits & the Affordable Care Act: What Social Workers Need to Know (12/11/2012)
- State Health Insurance Exchanges: What Social Workers Need to Know (pdf format | 3/16/2011)
- The Affordable Care Act: Implications for Low - and Moderate - Income Women’s Health and Well Being (Jan 2012)

- Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs): Opportunities for the Social Work Profession (pdf format | 9/29/2011)
- The Medical Home Model: What Is It And How Do Social Workers Fit In? (May 2011)

The website also offers “Occupational Profiles” of social workers in several health settings.

5. Institute of Medicine of the National Academies www.iom.edu

The ACA is supposed to reduce health care inequities and disparities. The IOM has a special focus on research about health disparities and inequities which can be accessed at their Roundtable:

http://www.iom.edu/Activities/SelectPops/HealthDisparities.aspx?utm_medium=email&utm_source=institute%20of%20Medicine&utm_campaign=01.22.13+Forum+and+Roundtable+News&utm_content=IOM%20Forum%20and%20Roundtable%20Newsletter&utm_term=Unknown

6. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

This Foundation is focused on describing and issues affecting the healthcare workforce.

An interesting blog about healthcare in 2013, addressing many of the “hot topics” in health systems reform. http://www.rwjf.org/en/blogs/human-capital-blog.html?bst=human-capital-blog%3AHealthCarein2013&cid=XEM_A6749

JOURNALS, E-JOURNALS, & BLOGS

1. *Health Affairs*. <http://www.healthaffairs.org/>

Journal “at the intersection of health, health care, and health policy”

2. *Research Activities*. A publication of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Includes summaries of the latest research funded by USDHHS on patient safety and quality, chronic disease, health information technology, adolescent/child health, elderly health/long-term care, comparative effectiveness, disparities/minority health.

Scanning their entries yields research on many topics relevant to the Affordable Care Act

Sample: Rich, EC, et al. (2012) Organizing care for complex patients in the patient-centered medical home. *Annals of Family Medicine*, 10, pp. 60-62.

3. APHA publication: *The Nation’s Health*, policy newsletter

4. *New England Journal of Medicine* often has editorials about healthcare delivery and the Affordable Health Act. In their Perspective or Health Policy Section or as a special article.

Sample: Fineberg, H. (2012) The Shattuck Lecture. A successful and sustainable health system: How to get there from here. *N Engl J Med*, 366:1020-7. (esp. see sources of inefficiency in the US health care system—a very comprehensive list. Could be a source of student paper topics.)

5. UC Berkeley, School of Public Health, Center on Aging (COA)

Engaging Aging newsletter. Supported by the UC Berkeley Program for the Medical Humanities and donations. Monthly e-newsletter on topics related to aging. Contact Desi Owens: desiowens@berkeley.edu to be put on their mailing list.

6. Center for Integrated Health Solutions. E-newsletter sign up: <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/about-us/e-solutions>

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

1. The California Adolescent Health Collaborative <http://www.californiateenhealth.org/>

<http://www.californiateenhealth.org/about-us/overview>

Recent ACA-related issues covered have been: Minor consent: How do FERPA and HIPPA apply to youth health care? And, 'What works for pregnant and parenting teens'.

2. John Burton Foundation <http://www.johnburtonfoundation.org/> For children without homes

Recent ACA-related issues covered:

Realignment of child welfare and mental health: What happened?

3. Child Trends

<http://www.childtrends.org/>

Paper: The state of mental health among US adolescents.

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs177/1101701160827/archive/1112142302413.html>

4. NAMI; SAMHSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions

Integrating mental health and pediatric care. http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/FG-Integrating_12.22.pdf Also accessible through the NAMI website. NAMI produced this publication www.nami.org/primarycare

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

1. SAMHSA-HRSA. The USDH & HS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration-Healthcare Resource Services Administration.

From the Center for Integrated Health Solutions <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/>. Includes Webinars, "hot topics", papers, evidence-based reports on new model implementation, health home state plans, tobacco cessation interventions, and other resources.

A paper: Behavioral health homes for people with mental health and substance use conditions: The core clinical features (May 2012) is available from the Center for Integrated Health Solutions, addresses a different type of 'dual': the dually-diagnosed healthcare consumer. This publication can be found at: <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/person-centered-healthcare-homes>

More: <http://www.samhsa.gov/healthReform/healthHomes/index.aspx>

2. ARHQ Patient-Centered Medical Home website

http://www.pcmh.ahrq.gov/portal/server.pt/community/pcmh_home/1483 The integration of behavioral health with the medical home model.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES, MINORITY & INDIAN HEALTH

“The Patient Protection and Affordability Care Act of 2010 (PPACA) elevated the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities to institute status and changed the agency’s name to the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities [Pub. L. 111–148 (2010)]. Additional provisions of the PPACA seek to improve data collection on sociodemographic characteristics and health and calls for cultural competency training. The PPACA also reauthorized the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (first enacted in 1976), which aims to improve American Indian health care and permit tribes greater autonomy in the provision of health programs.” Bleich, Sara et al. (2012) Health inequalities: Trends, progress & policy. *Annual Review of Public Health*, 33: 7-40. Accessed at: <http://www.annualreviews.org/> or <Http://www.publhealth.annualreviews.org>

ELDERLY

1. US DH & HS, National Institute on Aging (IOA): <http://www.nia.nih.gov/> Alzheimer’s research.
2. See UC Center on Aging above.
3. Accountable Care Organizations, an effort to tie means of payment for healthcare services to quality outcomes. Wikipedia! http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accountable_care_organization (Note not all the links work in this article).
5. SCAN Foundation: <http://thescanfoundation.org/> Factsheets, data briefs and policy briefs on long-term care services and support integration into health care and funding in CA and nationally.
6. AARP: http://www.aarp.org/health/health-care-reform/health_reform_factsheets/ Factsheets on health care law basics, what ACA means to specific populations (e.g. Age 50-64, Age 65+, Minority Populations, Rural Areas, etc.), and ACA and Medicare.

CONSUMERS

1. Consumers as partners in primary care: <http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/integrated-care-models/behavioral-health-in-primary-care>
2. NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness: www.nami.org
3. American Public Health Association’s, *The Nation’s Health* is consumer-focused. For example, <http://thenationshealth.aphapublications.org/content/43/1/1.2.full>