Be a savvy media consumer

Healthcare

Affordable Care Act

Source
Office of the Insurance Commissioner for the state of Washington website

Motive
To inform Washington State citizens of their benefits under the ACA, and to encourage people to sign up for health insurance.

Authority
Mike Kreidler is a doctor of optometry and holds a masters in public health from UCLA.

TWO-SOURCE TEST
My premiums were $875 a month and I had to spend $7300 before it even kicked in. I got a refund for my first month’s premium and now for the first time in my life I have no insurance. It is cheaper for me to pay the fine.
Joseph Hughes, 62
Little River, S.C.
New York Times (web version)
29 Jan. 2017

Because of the A.C.A., I can treat my conditions for a fraction of the cost, live a healthy productive life and work a job that I love that enables me to have my own apartment, car, savings even. I remember my friend and I reading what would now be covered, under the A.C.A., out loud to each other and laughing and crying like our team had just won the Super Bowl...
Katie Wertz, 33
Albuquerque, NM
New York Times (web version)
29 Jan. 2017

Government agencies and private companies gathered data on insurance enrollment, which was then compiled by the Office of Financial Management and published on January 4, 2017.

Conclusion: The benefits of the ACA vary from state to state, and experiences with programs may vary. Individual experiences in one state may not speak to the experiences in another. Check with YOUR state’s insurance commissioner office for info on how the law impacts you.