The ACA and People with Special Health Care Needs

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American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD)

The mission of AAHD is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for children and adults with disabilities.
Disability Law Timeline

• The Rehabilitation Act §504 – 1973
• Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – 1975
• Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act – 1984
• Air Carrier Access Act – 1986
• Fair Housing Act (FHA) is amended – 1988
• Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – 1990
Section 1557

“[A]n individual shall not, on the ground prohibited under ... section 794 of title 29, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any health program or activity, any part of which is receiving Federal financial assistance, including credits, subsidies, or contracts of insurance, or under any program or activity that is administered by an Executive Agency or any entity established under this title.”
Affordable Care Act

What It Means for People with Disabilities

- No Denial of Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions
- No Cancellation of Coverage due to Serious Medical Conditions
- No Setting Premiums Based on Disability or Chronic Conditions
- No Lifetime Monetary Caps
- 10 Essential Health Benefits required in every Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
What is the NDNRC?

The National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is an initiative of seven national cross-disability organizations in order to provide disability information and support to navigators and other enrollment specialists as they assist consumers with enrollment through the Affordable Care Act insurance marketplaces.
NDNRC Partners

- AAPD
- Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- The Arc
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- United Spinal Association

National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative
A project of the American Association on Health and Disability
Mission Statement

The mission of the National Disability Navigator Resource Collaborative (NDNRC) is to provide cross-disability information and support to Navigators and other enrollment specialists thereby ensuring people with disabilities receive accurate information when selecting and enrolling in insurance through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.
NDNRC Home Page

www.nationaldisabilitynavigator.org
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Health Insurance Jeopardy!

It’s not about the answer.
It’s about asking the right question!
NEEDS BY DISABILITY CATEGORY

1. Deaf and Hard of Hearing
2. Children with Special Health Care Needs
3. Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)
4. Prescription Drug Formularies
5. Rehabilitation and Habilitation Therapies
6. Durable Medical Equipment and Assistive Technologies
7. Coverage for Individuals Newly Receiving SSDI
8. Enrollment Accessibility
How to stay involved

• Sign up to receive NDNRC updates: http://www.nationaldisabilitynavigator.org/
• Sign up for AAHD’s newsletter: http://www.aahd.us/contact/
• Check out AAHD’s Resource Center: http://www.aahd.us/resource-center/
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