

Help Us Insure Every Eligible African American Through The Affordable Care Act (ACA)

# Get On Board the ACA Train

Our Churches have committed to signing up their congregations and providing assistance to enroll in health exchanges by mail, by phone or in person.

[www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)



*The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment among its 15.7 members. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public.*



# “Assure patient access to all available and necessary treatment.”



The top priority and objective of the National Black Church Initiative's Health Emergency Declaration is to work with government stakeholders through the Affordable Care Act to assure patient access, availability, and treatment, and to achieve 100% enrollment for all eligible African Americans.

Health disparities are a significant challenge facing African Americans today, especially in several key disease areas. NBCI has developed a National Action Plan that will guide efforts to eliminate these disparities. We will also seek partnerships with key organizations that also have a deep understanding of our population's needs.

## How to Enroll

Living without health insurance is a risk no one should have to take. The good news is that help for the uninsured is on the way. Although the new coverage options included in the health reform law will not be available until 2014, some help is available now. If you are one of the 50 million Americans who are uninsured, or if you are looking for health coverage for an uninsured friend, loved one, or colleague, find out what resources are available in your state by visiting these websites or by calling their help lines:

Sponsored by the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:](#)

Visit [Healthcare.gov](#) to explore coverage options in your state and to find out which private insurance plans, public programs, and community services are available to you.

- [Healthcare.gov](#) and [CuldadodeSalud.gov](#)

If you have a pre-existing condition, you may qualify for health coverage in PCIP with no waiting periods or exclusions for pre-existing conditions. Check out the link below, or call 1-866-717-5826: (TTY: 1866-561-1604).

- [Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan \(PCIP\)](#)

Obtain information about Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, both of which offer affordable coverage for children in low-income families. Even if you have been turned down in the past, you may be able to get health coverage for your child now. *Learn more about health coverage programs in your state* by calling 1-877-Kids-Now (1-877-543-7669).

- [Insurekidsnow.gov](#)

Sponsored by [Young Invincibles:](#)

If you are under the age of 26, click on the link below to download the Young Invincibles' toolkit for your state, and to find out how to get covered.

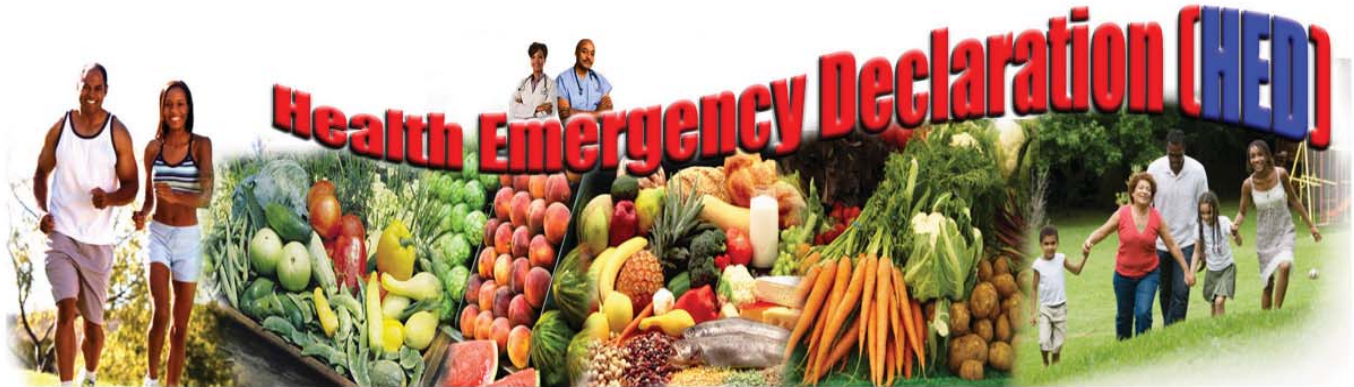
- [Getting Covered Tool Kit](#)

Sponsored by the [Foundation for Health Coverage Education:](#)

The Foundation website has information about private and public health coverage options in every state. It also offers help over the phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-234-1317.



NBCI encourages all young and healthy adults to sign up for ACA



**HED is a seven year faith-based health model that utilizes scientifically-based, proven health strategies and pull from best practices to reduce chronic health disease patterns that impacts African American congregants.**

## **NBCI Success Stories: National Health Programs**

Autism is a growing and significant problem in the black community. NBCI has partnered with major advocacy organizations like Autism Speaks and other affinity organizations to provide comprehensive education, early diagnosis and intervention. NBCI has worked with pharmaceutical companies in administering clinical trials. We will continue to lend our support to these critical efforts.



The National Black Church Initiative has partnered with Autism Speaks as a part of our Health Emergency Declaration, in recognition of the significance of autism spectrum disorders in the African American community



AUTISM SPEAKS®  
It's time to listen.  
[www.AutismSpeaks.org](http://www.AutismSpeaks.org)

<http://www.natblackchurch.com/health/autism-speaks.html>

**NBCI Launches**  
**To Stay in the Game, Maintain Your Frame**  
Campaign

with  **NOVARTIS**



**INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION**  
*Improving Lives • Finding the Cure®*

### **Multiple Myeloma Health-at-a-Glance**

**What is Multiple Myeloma?**  
Multiple myeloma is an incurable blood cancer of the plasma cells, a type of white blood cell found in the bone marrow. This disease can lead to bone problems including pain, fractures and spinal cord compression, when cancer cells wear away the bone.



NBCI along Novartis, has developed the only comprehensive online educational tool kit on Multiple Myeloma in the African American community. We will continue to work with affinity organizations to strengthen this outreach effort until a cure is found.

<http://www.natblackchurch.com/health/multiple-myeloma.html>

**COPD is the fourth leading killer in this country and the black community remains grossly unaware of the enormous impact it is having on the quality of life and one's respiration system. This disease state continues to**

**be misdiagnosed at an enormous rate in the African American community. NBCI is committed to bring**

**comprehensive education, early detection and prevention and critical information on treatment options. We remain committed in working with the National COPD Alliance.**



Boehringer  
Ingelheim

**COPD  
Demonstration  
Project**



<http://www.natblackchurch.com/health/copd-education.html>

# **Major African American Stakeholders for Affordable Care Act**

**Dr. Rahn Bailey**, *113th President, National Medical Association*  
**Dr. Mike Lenoir**, *President-Elect, National Medical Association*  
**Dr. Ryle Bell**, *Professor, Howard University, College of Dentistry*  
**Mr. Mark Tillman**, *President, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity*  
**Ms. Jessie Bellizaire**, *Black Nurses Association*  
**Dr. Kim Johnson**, *National Minority Aids Council*  
**Dr. Edward Chappelle**, *President, National Dental Association*  
**Ms. Marie-Michele Leger**, *Senior Director of Clinical Health Affairs, Academy of Physician Assistants*  
**Ms. Mary Merritt**, *Executive Director, American Diabetes Association*  
**Ms. Karyne Jones**, *President and CEO, National Caucus on Black Aged*  
**Dr. John Montgomery**, *Vice President, Commercial Business, Humana*  
**Dr. David Kountz**, *President, International Society of Hypertension in Blacks*  
**Dr. Mark Alexander**, *100 Black Men of America*  
**Ms. Toni Oliver**, *Vice President, National Association of Black Social Workers*  
**Ms. Rosalind Holiday-Moore**, *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Behavioral Health Equity*  
**Reverend Anthony Evans**, *President, National Black Church Initiative*  
**Mr. Reginald Ware**, *CEO, Blackdoctor.org*  
**Dr. Shirl Simmons-Grey**, *Northeastern Region Area One Coordinator, SigmaGamma Rho*  
**Mr. Barry Lenoir**, *President, United Black Fund*  
**Commander Jacqueline Rodrigue**, *Office of Minority Health*  
**Dr. Nicole Hewitt**, *Office of Minority Health, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services*  
**Mr. Thomas Dortch**, *100 Black Men of America*  
**Ms. Whitney Greer**, *Executive Editor, Blackdoctor.org*  
**Mr. Horace Knight**, *National Association of Black Health System Pharmacists*  
**Ms. Sharon Chalmers-Melvin**, *74th President of the Auxiliary to National Medical Association*  
**Dr. Ronald Copeland**, *Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Kaiser Permanente*  
**Ms. Emmanuelle St. Jean**, *Senior Program Manager, National Council on Aging*  
**Dr. Karyn Wills**, *Medical Director, Aetna*  
**Ms. Karen Anderson**, *Director, Roundtable on the Promotion of Health Equity and Elimination of Health Disparities, National Academy of Science Institute of Medicine*  
**Darryl R. Matthews, Sr**, *Executive Director, National Medical Association*  
**Dr. Sharon D. Allison-Ottey**, *Project Director and Health Strategist*