



## Affordable Care Act

# Getting Covered is Good for Rural America

Living in a rural community shouldn't have to come with a hefty price tag for health care. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, it no longer has to. Find out more at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) or 1-800-318-2596—because no one should go without health care because of where they live, or be forced to leave the communities they love to get the coverage they need.

### Rural Americans face significant challenges when it comes to getting the health care they need:



**One in five farmers** is in debt because of medical bills.



Prior to ACA, on average, rural families paid nearly **50%** of health care costs out of pocket.



Rural Americans suffer from higher rates of chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and high blood pressure than those living in urban areas.



**One fifth** of America's population lives in rural areas, but only **10%** of physicians practice there.

### The Affordable Care Act dedicates substantial new resources to address these challenges:



Expands the National Health Service Corps, which offers scholarships and loan repayment in return for practicing in rural areas. **2,153+** Corps clinicians serve in rural areas. An average of **88%** will continue to practice in rural communities after their term of service has ended.



## 8.4 million

Expands funding for community health centers, where **8.4 million** rural Americans get access to primary and preventive care.



Tax credits and affordable insurance options to help rural families get covered, even if they are self-employed. **7 out of 10** Americans have found coverage for less than a **\$75** a month.

## \$7.5 billion+

USDA has also invested more than **7.5 billion** since 2009 to build rural hospitals and clinics and support telemedicine services for remote rural areas.

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