KEY SOURCES OF INFORMATION
regarding the ACA and California's Implementation
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This brief list includes both the most useful research organizations and a few key articles. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with comments or requests: dleveen@earthlink.net

In addition, I have posted several handouts and a longer “primer” in Dropbox. All of these have extensive footnotes which are extremely useful as a means of identifying the key sources of information—and almost all of the footnotes have urls.

The Affordable Care Act: Foundation for Progressive Reform. May 2013. 11 pp

Vermont’s Green Mountain Care: Using the ACA to build a single payer system. February 2013. (3 pp) https://www.dropbox.com/s/dbld192e33n0m7m/CaPHSA%20Vt%20handout.docx


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THE ACA: MAJOR PROVISIONS
Probably the best single source of information on the ACA and related health issues.
This is the quickest way to check specific details.
Excellent interactive source regarding both timeline and specific provision.

The Commonwealth Fund:
http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Health-Reform/Health-Reform-Resource.aspx
An excellent source which provides more detailed analysis of the ACA, as well as of health system performance, both nationally and internationally; also develops reform proposals.

Families USA, http://www.familiesusa.org/health-reform-central/
Excellent practical resources designed for state advocates.

HHS website, http://www.healthcare.gov/

Dartmouth Institute: Best source regarding potential value of payment and delivery reforms.
http://www.dartmouthatlas.org/downloads/reports/Spending_Brief_022709.pdf

Great explanation of need for and value of an all-payer system.
IMPLEMENTING THE ACA IN CALIFORNIA
The California Health Care Foundation.
http://www.chcf.org/topics/policy-and-reform: A list of CHCF materials on health reform,
can be searched by category.
overview of ways of using the Exchange to drive reform.
http://www.chcf.org/-/media/MEDIA%20LIBRARY%20Files/PDF/H/PDF%20HealthBenefitExchangeCAvsFederal.pdf. This is a fairly detailed comparison of the ACA
Exchange requirements and how CA has implemented and strengthened them. 9 pp
UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/healthcare/
This page lists all of the reports they have produced focusing on ACA implementation in CA.
Proposes, tracks, reports on state legislative efforts. Most recent summary: Three Years of the
Affordable Care Act: Counting the Benefits, Countdown to Coverage. March 21, 2013
The website includes all of the CHBE documents and as well as postings of meetings. Many of
the most useful documents are located through the “materials provided” on the board meetings
page. E.g. CHBE, Qualified Health Plan Policies and Strategies to Improve Care, Prevention,
Summary provides a good sense of what the Board is trying to accomplish.
Covered California, http://www.coveredcalifornia.com
This is the website for the exchange, providing the information which people will need in order
to enroll in the exchange. It already has a description of standardized plan options as well as a rate
calculator which calculates premiums, subsidies, and final costs to individuals.
California Department of Health and Human Services, ACA payment reform innovation grant.
http://www.chhs.ca.gov/Pages/PayReFormInnovat.aspx
Includes links to “framing report” for the grant and the Berkeley Forum report.
PNHP-CA: http://pnhpcalifornia.org/
Provides current information and resources regarding single payer and the CA campaign.

USING THE ACA TO BUILD TOWARD SINGLE PAYER: VERMONT
Information on current programs, legislation, reports, etc.