

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.
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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/dbld192c33n0m7m/CaPHSA%20Vt%20handout.docx>

The Case for Progressive Reform: A Primer for Advocates. April 2012. (89 pp)
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sop99vfb4gbz6hc/PHR%20final%20draft%20101512.pdf>

WINNING REFORM

Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol, *Health Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know.* Oxford University Press: 2010. The best single source on the battle for reform.

Paul Ryan's 2010 proposal, *A Roadmap for America's Future, Version 2.0* (House Budget Committee, January 2010) offers an excellent summary of the conservative approach. See pp. 26-30
<http://www.roadmap.republicans.budget.house.gov/UploadedFiles/Roadmap2Final2.pdf>.

The 2014 budget again includes the Republican vision for Medicare and Medicaid: *The Path to Prosperity: A Responsible, Balanced Budget. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.* <http://budget.house.gov>

THE ACA: MAJOR PROVISIONS

Kaiser Family Foundation, <http://healthreform.kff.org/>

Probably the best single source of information on the ACA and related health issues.

ACA Summary, <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8061.pdf> (13 pp)

This is the quickest way to check specific details.

Implementation Timeline, <http://healthreform.kff.org/timeline.aspx>

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/>

Much information. Text of bill: <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/full/index.html>

Dartmouth Institute: Best source regarding potential value of payment and delivery reforms.

E.g. Elliott Fisher et al, *Health Care Spending, Quality, and Outcomes: More Isn't Always Better.* February 27, 2009.

http://www.dartmouthatlas.org/downloads/reports/Spending_Brief_022709.pdf

Uwe Reinhardt, "A Modest Proposal on Payment Reform," Health Affairs blog, July 24, 2009

<http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2009/07/24/a-modest-proposal-on-payment-reform/>

Great explanation of need for and value of an all-payer system.

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IMPLEMENTING THE ACA IN CALIFORNIA

The California Health Care Foundation.

<http://www.chcf.org/programs/healthreform> : The general health reform page.

<http://www.chcf.org/topics/policy-and-reform> : A list of CHCF materials on health reform, can be searched by category.

<http://www.chcf.org/publications/2011/08/health-benefit-exchange-visions>: A very useful overview of ways of using the Exchange to drive reform.

Health Benefit Exchange: California vs Federal Provisions. February 2011.

<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

Kaiser Family Foundation, *State Exchange Profiles: California*. January 3, 2013.

<http://healthreform.kff.org/state-exchange-profiles/california.aspx>

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.

Health Access: <http://www.health-access.org>.

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

<http://www.health-access.org/files/expanding/HealthAccessACA3-YearReportMar21.pdf>

The California Health Benefits Exchange, <http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/>

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, and Affordability. Final recommendations*. August 23, 2012. 284 pp. The Executive Summary provides a good sense of what the Board is trying to accomplish.

http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/BoardMeetings/Documents/August_23_2012/IX_FinalBRB-QHPPoliciesandStrategies_8-23-12.pdf

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/PayRefInnovat.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

Official state website: Vermont's Healthcare Reform. <http://hcr.vermont.gov/>

Information on current programs, legislation, reports, etc.

William C. Hsaio, "State-Based, Single-Payer Health Care—A Solution for the United States?" *NEJM* 364, (March 31, 2011) p 1189-91. <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1100972>

Anya Radar Wallack, "Single Payer Ahead—Cost control and the Evolving Vermont Model," *NEJM* 366:7 (August 18, 2011) pp 584-5. <http://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJMp1104562>

Laura K Grubb, "Lessons from Vermont's Health Care Reform," *NEJM* 368:14, April 4 2013.

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1212974>

Kaiser Family Foundation, *State Exchange Profiles: Vermont*. February 11, 2013

<http://healthreform.kff.org/state-exchange-profiles/vermont.aspx>