



HEALTH CARE LITANY • Celebrating One Year  
The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
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This week is an anniversary – a celebration of human tenacity.  
It is a day to revel in the dogged and determined courage of those who work  
toward a just, equitable and compassionate healthcare system for all.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 President Barack Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable  
Care Act.

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We celebrate tenacity. We congratulate perseverance. We rejoice that what was possible became  
tangible. Hope has been transformed into results.

A FEW, or ONE

Children denied insurance coverage because of pre-existing conditions, like diabetes, are now  
eligible for coverage. Young adults can now be included in their parent's policy until age 26.

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For these children and families we celebrate all the effort, the petitions, the demonstrations and  
phone calls, the convincing and the convinced.

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Soon, adults with pre-existing conditions whether hay fever or heart disease cannot be denied  
coverage. No longer can insurance be cancelled for those who are sick.

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For all of us, who know that life can change on a dime, we're glad for the protection.

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Women will no longer be charged more for health insurance than men. Preventative tests, like  
mammograms, will no longer require co-payment. Older Americans will receive more support for  
medications.

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For those who long for fairness to be built in our systems you have shown us what Theodore Parker  
saw – that the arc of the moral universe does indeed bend toward Justice.

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Courageous are those who believe that we can prod and push and pull this world to bend toward a  
good that embraces the many and not just the few.

This is a day to be glad, to remember a great step in the journey toward community health and  
wholeness.

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AMEN