

# Enroll in the Affordable Care Act and Get Health Insurance to Cover Your Medical Care



## Why should I sign up?

- Health insurance protects you physically and financially if you get sick or have an accident.
- Under the new healthcare law, most people must have health coverage or pay a fine. If you don't have coverage in 2015, you will pay a tax penalty of either 2% of your income or \$325 per adult (\$162.50 per child) — whichever is higher. This is much more than last year's fine.

JESUS SAID, "AS YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ME." CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED UPON TO HEAL THE SICK, FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTHE THE NAKED, VISIT THE PRISONER, AND COMFORT THE AFFLICTED.

## What are the benefits of coverage?

- All plans will give you the coverage you need when you need it: doctor visits, hospital stays, preventive care, maternity and infant care, prescriptions, and more.
- You'll find easy-to-understand explanations and estimated prices about each health plan.
- You can't be denied coverage or charged more for having a pre-existing condition.
- Financial help is available to help you afford a health insurance plan. The amount of financial help will depend on several factors including your household size and income.

# Can I buy insurance through Obamacare?

You can if:

- You live in the United States
- You are a U.S. citizen or documented immigrant
- You do not have health insurance through your job, Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
  - If you have children born in the U.S., they are eligible for Obamacare. DACA holders are not.

## How do I sign up?

- Online: Go to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) and sign up yourself. For Spanish go to at <https://www.cuidadodesalud.gov/es/>. Once there, under "Select your State," choose North Carolina.
- By phone: Call 1-800-318-2596 (Spanish and English) to schedule a FREE one-on-one appointment with a Health Insurance Navigator in North Carolina.
- In-person: There are many places that you can go for in person assistance. Go to [www.gaconnector.org](http://www.gaconnector.org) to find a location near you.



## When can I sign up?

- The 2016 Open Enrollment period is November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016. Most people will enroll during this time period.
- People who have a life change at any point during the year may be able to enroll through a Special Enrollment Period. These events include having a baby, getting married, becoming a citizen, moving states or losing other health coverage.



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**For more information or assistance call**

**1-855-733-3711 or go to**

**<http://localhelp.healthcare.gov>**