



# What is Next in Federal Health Policy?

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The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum works with communities across the nation to influence policy, mobilize communities, and strengthen programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans (AA), Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (NHPI). Founded in 1986 with headquarters in Oakland and an office in Washington DC, APIAHF is the oldest and largest health advocacy organization working with AA and NHPI communities across the nation, in the US Territories and with the US-affiliated Pacific jurisdictions.

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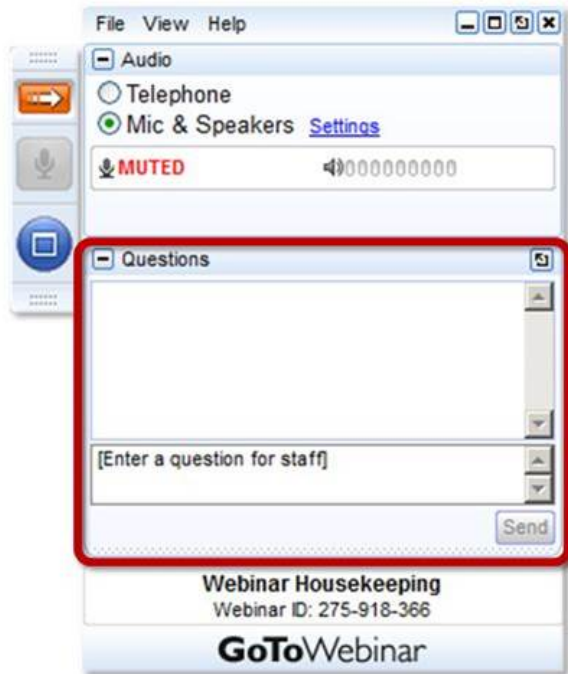
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# The Current Political Landscape

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) cut the uninsured rates for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities in half. APIAHF continues to fight for health equity and bring the voices and needs of diverse AA and NHPI communities to the Capitol and White House.



# The ACA is *Still* the Law of the Land

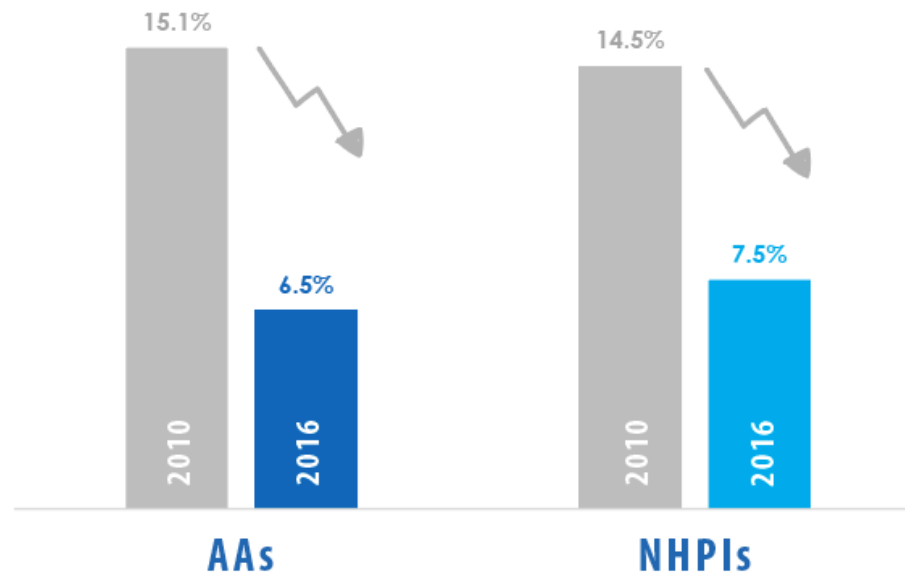
## What's the Issue?

- The ACA has been largely a success
  - Though we have work to do
- 9 Months of Defending the ACA and Medicaid
  - Repeal turned into repeal and replace
  - Attacks on immigrants
  - House succeeded, but Senate failed

# The ACA is *Still* the Law of the Land

- **What's the Impact?**

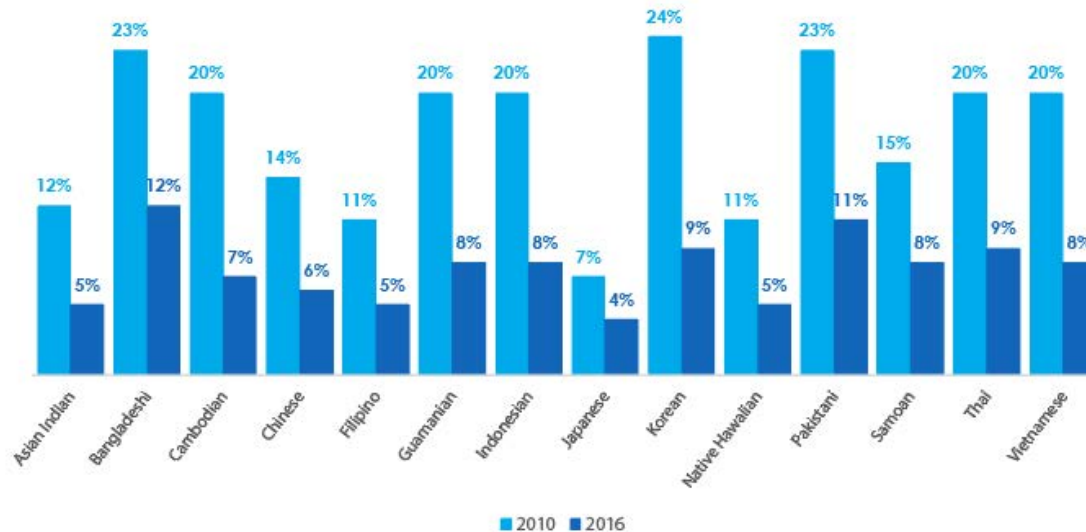
Since the ACA's passage, the uninsured rate for AAs and NHPIs has dropped.





# The ACA is *Still* the Law of the Land

Disparities in who is uninsured differ, but all groups have benefited from the ACA



# The ACA is *Still* the Law of the Land

The ACA protects people with pre-existing conditions and provides 8 million AAs and NHPs with free preventive care.



Indian Americans have **diabetes** compared to 7.1% of Whites



People living with **Hep B** are **AA and NHPI**



Vietnamese women have **cervical cancer rates 5x higher** than White women

Consumers now have access to free screenings for diabetes, Hep B and cervical cancer.

# The ACA is *Still* the Law of the Land

- **What you need to pay attention to now**
  - Graham-Cassidy Plan
    - September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline
  - Cost sharing reductions
  - Funding for the marketplaces
  - Avoiding weakened consumer protections

# Open Enrollment 5



## What's the Issue?

- Open enrollment is coming but the federal government is cutting resources

## What's the Impact?

- **45** days to enroll (vs 90)
- **90%** cut to federal outreach spending
- **41%** cut to navigators
- Public confusion

## What can you do?

- Spread the word about enrollment on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
- Share stories!

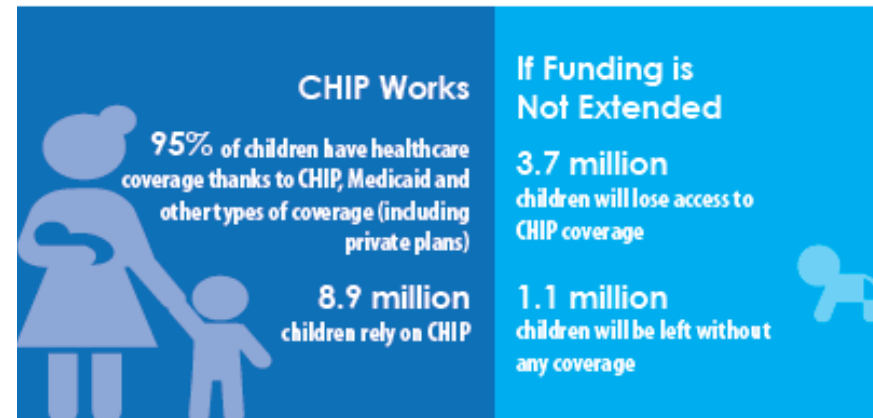
# CHIP Funding Agreement Reached

## What's the Issue?

- CHIP funding ends Sept. 30

## What's the Impact?

- Senate agreement would extend CHIP for 5 years
- Program still needed even with the ACA



## What do you need to do?

- Nothing is final yet. Agreement only in the Senate and no legislative text.
- Keep up pressure to get a bill passed and signed.

# Uncertain future for DREAMers

## What's the Issue?

- White House will end DACA in six months

## What's the Impact?

- 57.3% of DACA have employer sponsored insurance
- Potential end of state health insurance targeted to dreamers
- Threat of deportation impacts health

## What do you need to do?

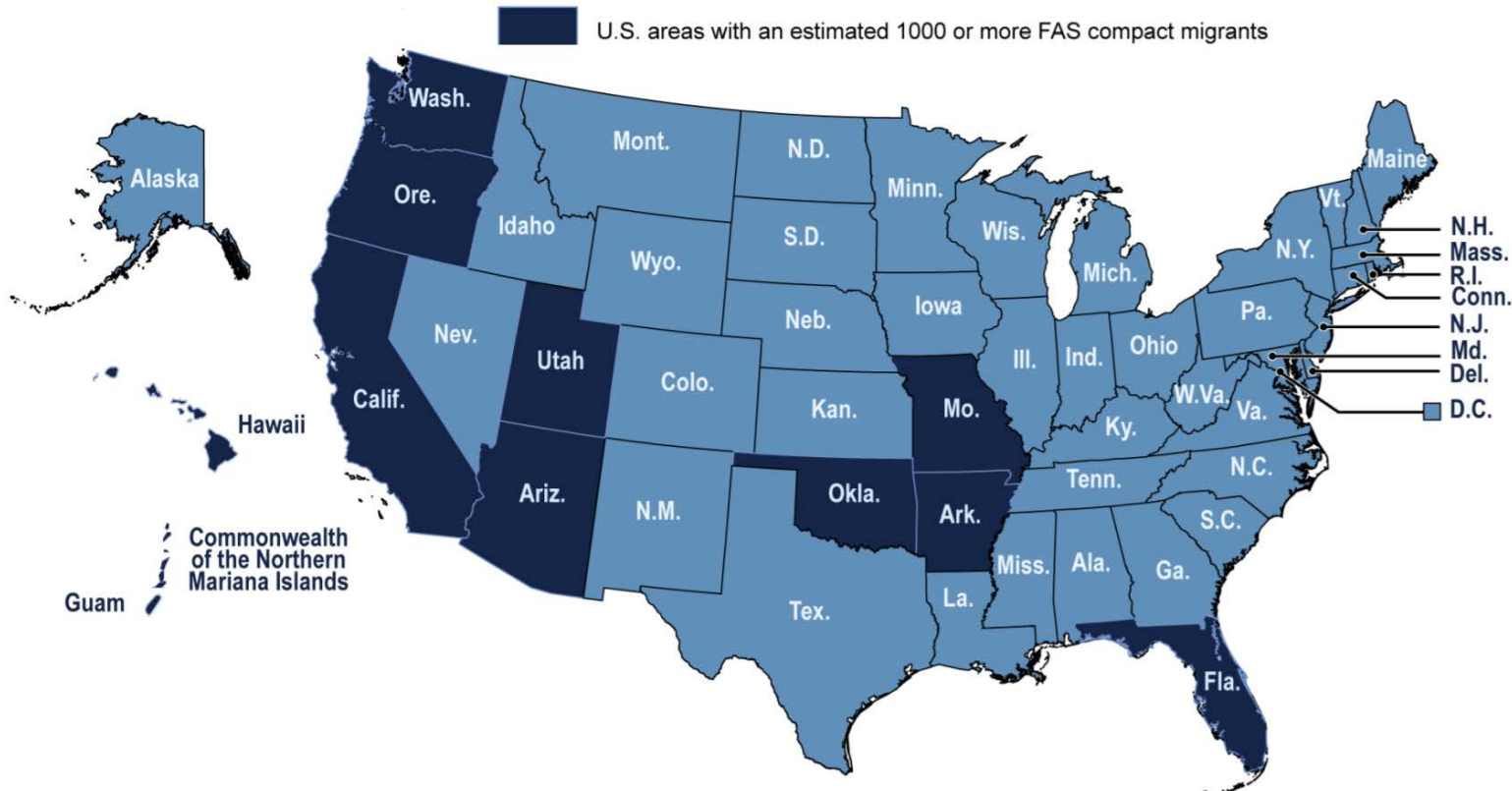
- Congress must pass the Dream Act ASAP



# Health Care for COFA Communities

## What's the Issue?

- COFA communities are blocked from Medicaid





# Health Care for COFA Communities

## What's the Impact?

- 56k people are lawfully living and working in the U.S. from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau
- Many COFA peoples' health has been impacted from the fallout of nuclear testing and military activities

## What can you do?

- Make sure your member supports the Covering Our FAS Allies Act, S. 1391 introduced by Senator Hirono in the Senate and HR 2982 in the House introduced by Representative Hanabusa.

# Reproductive Health



## What's the Issue?

- Access to comprehensive reproductive health care is under attack

## What's the Impact?

- ACA repeal bills tried to defund Planned Parenthood
- The Hyde Amendment has barred federal funding for abortions since 1977 (with limited exceptions).
- Women of color are disproportionately affected by funding restrictions.
- White House may change birth control regulations (ACA)

## What can you do?

- Protect the ACA & Medicaid
- Demand Congress (and the White House) pass clean funding bills
- Public comment on birth control regulation changes

# Civil Rights in Health Care

## What's the Issue?

- ACA civil rights protections under attack
- Revised 1557 rule with the Trump Administration

## What's the Impact?

- Section 1557 of the ACA prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in certain health programs or activities
- National origin includes English proficiency
- Regulations may be changed to remove certain groups from these protections

# Civil Rights in Health Care

## What can you do?

- Follow the Health Forum for updates
- Participate in advocacy campaigns if a new rule is issued
- Know your rights and educate others

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## Final Rule Implementing Section 1557

Section 1557 is the nondiscrimination provision of the ACA and applies to certain health programs & activities.

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# Funding the Government

## What's the Issue?

- Deals on how to fund the government deeply impact the Congressional Agenda

## What's the Impact?

- Congress must reach a deal by the end of the year
- The Budget Resolution will drive how much the government spends, tax changes and health care.

## What can you do?

- Tell Congress to pass funding sufficient to meet the country's need and do not include fast-track paths for cutting health care.

# REACH Funding Cuts

## What's the Issue?

- Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health is an effective program granting \$ to communities helping end health disparities.
- Funding for REACH is close to being eliminated

## What's the impact?

- 15 AAPI community organizations who reached 1.4 million people with nutrition and physical activity improvement programs.
- African American communities with REACH grantees saw reduced obesity trends compared to similar communities without grantees.

## What can you do?

- Tell Congress that REACH must be fully funded in the next government funding agreement.



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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