



TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

Talking to your neighbors is a great way to educate people in your community about one of the most important issues facing our country today—our new health care law.

With opponents spreading lies and misinformation about the law, it's easy for people to be confused about all the positive benefits it has to offer. But by speaking to friends, family members, and neighbors, you can help others see past the opponents' spin and learn about how our new health care law will help millions of families get the care they need, when they need it.

Spreading the word is easy, next time you have a few minutes, knock on your neighbor's door and use these helpful tips to have an honest discussion about our new health care law.

- 1) Tell your neighbor you've been hearing a lot of mixed messages about our new health care law so you've looked into it.
- 2) Remind your neighbor that before the law was passed:
 - a. Rising health care costs were making coverage unaffordable for more and more working families;
 - b. In all but five states, most insurance companies could deny coverage to applicants because of health problems, health risks, or age;
 - c. Even when people had coverage, serious health care crises sent millions of people into debt every year; and
 - d. Over half of the uninsured—26 million Americans—were small business owners, employees, or their dependents.
- 3) Talk about how our new law helps protect millions of Americans by:
 - a. Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions;
 - b. Providing tax credits to small businesses to help them afford coverage for their employees;
 - c. Closing the Medicare Part D doughnut hole so that seniors and people with disabilities can afford their prescription drugs;
 - d. Helping young adults by requiring that insurers allow dependents to remain on their parents' plan until age 26; and
 - e. Providing free access to recommended preventive care screenings to ensure disease is caught early, when it's easier to treat.
- 4) If your neighbor has more questions, encourage him or her to look into the facts. Direct your neighbor to our website, www.standupforhealthcare.org, for more information about what our new health care law means for American families.