Lecture Objectives

- Identify how the Affordable Care Act will impact women’s health insurance coverage.
Affordable Care Act

- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
  - Expand coverage to the uninsured Americans
  - Provide coverage to previously uninsurable individuals (i.e., preexisting conditions)
  - Make insurance more affordable for small businesses and individuals
- Signed into law in 2010
- Upheld by Supreme Court in 2012

Components of ACA

- Caps on ‘out of pocket’ $ for care
- Require companies with 50 or more employees to cover insurance
- Small business tax breaks to cover insurance for employees
- Prescription drug reform for Medicare
- Health Insurance Marketplaces
  - Tax breaks for individual purchase
  - Healthcare.gov
- Medicaid expansion*
- Pre-existing conditions, women*
- Stay on parents’ plan until 26 years
- Individual mandate
  - Pay fine for those without insurance
  - Waive penalty if can’t afford
- Taxes on health industry
  - Hospitals
  - Tanning beds
Implementation of ACA


### ACA: Preventive Services for Women

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<td>Well-woman visits. <em>(Preventive services, age-appropriate)</em></td>
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<td>Screening for gestational diabetes.</td>
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Test Your Knowledge

- Visit Kaiser Family Foundation’s Women’s Health Quiz on the Affordable Care Act

Women’s Health Quiz: Health Coverage and the Affordable Care Act

Health insurance coverage is a critical factor in making health care accessible to women—women with health coverage are more likely to obtain needed preventive, primary, and specialty care services. Test your knowledge of women’s health coverage and the effect of the Affordable Care Act on women with our ten-question quiz.

Class Wrap Up

- **Key Terms:**
  - Affordable Care Act

- **Individual Health Importance:**
  - Need to understand how the ACA can impact your health

- **Public Health Importance:**
  - Public health professionals should be aware of the changing systems affecting the population’s access to healthcare

- **Social/Poliical Importance:**
  - Political entities have a role in the appropriation of healthcare services (i.e., Medicaid, Medicare, ACA)