

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and  
Health Insurance Marketplace  
(Admissions Counselors Script)

While you are enrolled in Job Corps, basic health care such as immunizations, dental exams, and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries are provided to you at no cost. However, it is still important for you to have health insurance while you are enrolled in Job Corps.

In 2010, Congress and President Obama created the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known as the ACA. The ACA helps people find affordable health insurance and allows more people to enroll in Medicaid. The law created a Health Insurance Marketplace where people can shop for insurance. Under this law, you are also able to stay on your parent's health insurance until you turn 26.

Even though this is a federal law, there are a lot of differences between states. Since you may go to a Job Corps center out of state, it is important that we talk about your options now while you are still close to home.

There is a website set up for you to visit to see if you qualify for Medicaid or reduced-cost health insurance. You can visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace/individual/> or call 800-318-2596 to learn more.

When you arrive on center, Health and Wellness Center staff will discuss this with you again, and you will be asked to sign a form to acknowledge that you have received information about the ACA. Health and Wellness Center staff will be able to help answer your questions when you arrive at Job Corps.

It is very important that staff in the Health and Wellness Center have a copy of your health insurance card if you have health insurance. If you have health insurance, I will make a copy of your card. Be sure to inform staff in the Health and Wellness Center of any changes to your health insurance while you are on center.

If you have any questions, please let me know.