

Kaiser Family Foundation Launches Online Health Reform Source to Explain, Analyze and Track the New Law's Implementation

(The following is based on a September 21, 2010 press release by the Kaiser Family Foundation.)

Recognizing the transition from the debate about passage to the realities of implementing a law, KFF's **Health Reform Source**, <http://healthreform.kff.org>, has many new features that provide explanations of the basics of the law, in-depth analysis of policy issues in implementation, and quick and easy access to relevant data, studies and developments.

The Source features an effective new animated short movie designed to explain the health reform law. It is available at <http://source.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>. Produced by the Foundation, the animated movie, "Health Reform Hits Main Street," is narrated by Cokie Roberts. It has three major sections: explaining problems in the current health care system, short-term changes that will take place between now and 2014, and major provisions that will take effect in 2014.

Other new elements available on the Source include:

- * A customizable Implementation Timeline which presents a detailed list of major provisions that can be viewed by year or by topic.
- * A series of Video Explainer clips of Foundation experts answering specific questions about the law on a variety of health policy topics.
- * An interactive state map of the U.S. that features pop-up boxes of key state-specific information related to health coverage and the health law, and links to new health reform pages on the Foundation's statehealthfacts.org featuring key data, reports, and news for each state.
- * The Public Opinion: Poll Watch featuring a weekly round-up of surveys from the Foundation and others assessing public attitudes and experiences over time related to the health reform law.
- * The Foundation's updated Health Reform Subsidy Calculator to illustrate premiums, government subsidies and out-of-pocket costs for people eligible for health coverage in exchanges due to be established in 2014.
- * An Official Document Finder that provides quick access to federal regulations and studies related the health law.
- * A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) database addressing questions about the health law.
- * Government Resources provide links to federal government websites that provide information to consumers and regulatory guidance about the provisions of the law.
- * The Scan, at <http://source.kff.org/scan.aspx>, provides a daily feed of easily-digestible summaries of the latest research and studies from the Foundation and others, as well as official actions and other developments related to the health law. It also features KFF's Twitter entries on health care reform and links to Kaiser Health News' stories to provide easy access to timely information about the law.

KFF will continue to update and expand the information it provides through the Health Reform Source as implementation ramps up, and new features will be added.

Kaiser's Health Reform Source can be viewed online at <http://healthreform.kff.org> and you can subscribe to alerts via email and RSS feeds. Additionally, the Foundation has established a Facebook page for the Health Reform Source, available at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Health-Reform-Source-Kaiser-Family-Foundation/146948548655470>, which will feature additional related material.