

Obama care

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US Supreme Court likely to uphold the Obama Care

What is Obama Care?

- The Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as Obama care is USA's federal statute enacted by US Congress in 2010
- Aim: ACA aims to extend health insurance coverage to about 32 million uninsured Americans by expanding both private and public insurance.
- It was designed to protect consumers from insurance company tactics that might drive up patient costs or restrict care.
- Major provisions of the act came into force in 2014
- Increase Consumer Insurance Protections: The ACA enacted several insurance reforms, effective in 2010
- **Emphasize Prevention and Wellness:** It contains provisions intended to prevent illness and also establishes a Prevention and Public Health Fund, to provide grants to states for prevention activities, such as disease screenings and immunizations, beginning in 2010.
- **Improve Health Quality and System Performance:** The ACA contains several provisions related to improving quality and system performance
- **Promote Health Workforce Development:** The ACA addresses workforce issues through a number of provisions, including
 - reforms in graduate medical education training
 - increases in health profession scholarship and loan programs
 - support for training programs for nurses

- support for new primary care models, such as medical homes and team management of chronic diseases
 - increased funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps; and
 - support for school-based health centers and nurse-managed health clinics.
- ACA intend to address rising health costs include providing more oversight of health insurance premiums and practices