

## Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Health Insurance Marketplace (Health and Wellness Script)

Your Admissions Counselor talked to you about the importance of health insurance, and about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known as the ACA. As a reminder, in 2010, Congress and President Obama created 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.

In this Health and Wellness Center you will receive a lot of services that you would usually have to go to a doctor's office to access. These services would be very expensive if you did not have health insurance and had to pay for them. The services you receive on center are basic and include check-ups, immunizations, care when you are sick, family planning, mental health services, minor dental work, and substance abuse prevention, among other things.

If you become seriously sick or get injured while you are in Job Corps and have to go off center to a hospital or specialist's office, it is important that you have health insurance to reduce the cost.

If you do not have health insurance, it is important that you make an attempt to get coverage either through your parent's insurance, through Medicaid, or through the Health Insurance Marketplace. 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.

It is very important that we have a copy of your health insurance card if you have health insurance. If your Admissions Counselor made a copy of your insurance card we already have it. Be sure to inform us of any changes to your health insurance while you are on center.

We ask that you read this **Health Insurance Resources Fact Sheet for Job Corps Students** carefully. If you have trouble reading, let me know and it will be read to you. We also ask that you sign the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act/Health Insurance Marketplace Acknowledgment Form**. If you would like a copy, we will provide one to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.