

## HEALTH REFORM CALENDAR

### JULY

- This week Community Catalyst: Report on importance of individual mandate  
This report is aimed at educating policy makers, media and the public on why health care costs won't be controlled without the individual mandate and push back against right wing efforts to block implementation of the health law
- 15-22 SBM/Families: State by states reports on small businesses  
This report will identify the prevalence of small businesses in each state, explain how the small business tax credit works and highlight the benefits to companies that take advantage of it.
- 2 weeks Center on Budget: Report on Medicare Advantage—overblown claims on seniors  
One cost control measure in the PPACA is to decrease payments to Medicare Advantage plans. Some critics claim that this will lead to insurers leaving the market or dropping benefits which will lead to seniors expressing their angry at the health reform law. This report will address this exaggerated criticism and talk about the projected savings to Medicare, thereby improving its long term solvency.
- 22 HCAN/Main St. Alliance: Press event on medical loss ratios @NAIC DC meeting  
Media event to bring attention to regulations now being promulgated on how the medical loss ratio will be defined and regulated in the states. The PPACA increased the ratios for the individual, small group and large group markets.
- 22-23 NAIC: Interim meeting (DC) Health Insurance and Managed Care Committees  
Meeting of insurance commissioners, open to the public.
- 30 HCAN: press toolkit aimed at seniors in recognition of Medicare's 44<sup>th</sup> year.  
To inform the media and the public on the success and popularity of the Medicare program and why it continues to need our support.
- 2-3 weeks National Women's Law Center: Fact sheets on uninsured women.  
The intent of these state by state fact sheets are to bring attention to the numbers, circumstances and consequences of women who lack coverage and how provisions of the health reform law will help this population.
- End NEA: RightonLine goes live

### AUGUST

- 1 - 31 HCAN: Member of Congress town hall meetings; senior center tours  
Members of HCAN chapters will attend various town hall meetings held by Members of Congress during their August recess to vocalize support for health reform and counteract right wing attacks.

- 3 Families USA: Media/public education events around the country with state partners 3<sup>rd</sup> - Philadelphia 9<sup>th</sup> - Fort Lauderdale 8/30 or 31 - West Virginia 9/15 - Kansas City  
Families is organizing day long training sessions to educate advocates on provisions, implementation and messaging of the health reform law. Some advocacy groups may be interested in inviting state legislators to these events. PSN is coordinating with Families field staff.
- 3 Missouri: ballot initiative on nullification of individual mandate  
Missouri voters will decide on whether the state should nullify the implementation of the individual mandate.
- 5 NEA planning press work on ALEC failures (day of ALEC meeting)  
Alerting and educating the media how ALEC supported bills have now failed in more than half the states.
- 9 HHS: End of comment period on Dependent Coverage regulations
- 12 NEA state policy network meeting
- 8-14 HCAN w/ community health centers events across the states highlighting new money for community health centers with focus in rural areas  
These events will bring attention to how the health reform law will be expanding access and capacity in the health care system, benefitting in particular low income, underserved and at risk communities.
- 8-14 Center for American Progress report on money for community health centers highlighting economic multiplier effect  
Highlighting increase in funds for community health center events but the focus here is on the added economic value to communities and states, more jobs, more tax revenues, etc.
- 16 HHS: End of comment period on Grandfathered Plans regulations
- 22 HCAN report political money and lobbying at Seattle NAIC meeting
- 27 HHS: End of comment period on Patients Bill of Rights regulations
- End Aug US PIRG report "Young Persons Guide to Health Reform with Young Invincibles  
Early Sept US PIRG: Coordinating campus events on report with Community Catalyst  
The guide, press conferences and other events will attempt to educate young people on what health reform means for them, shining the spotlight on the benefits and positive messages of the health reform law for young people.

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept Families USA: Report on premium subsidies for individuals in the states
- Sept HCAN: Report on monopoly and competition in the insurance market

- 23 US PIRG: Events around dependent coverage  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> marks the 6 month anniversary of the law. Many state and national advocacy groups will be organizing events throughout the country sending out positive messages for health reform, highlighting several provisions that officially take effect on this day, including the extension of coverage for dependents which is the focus of this report.
- 23 Young Invincibles: Events on dependent coverage in every state, working with HCAN, AARP, PIRGs, Campus Progress, USA, physician groups  
Same as above
- 23 HCAN: number of non-campus events; electorally oriented members
- 22/23 Community Catalyst: NH state training & strategy meetings  
IL - mid-Sept UT- Oct NV/KS- Nov  
Community Catalyst is organizing two day training sessions to educate advocates on provisions, implementation and messaging of the health reform law.

#### **SEPT - NOV**

US PIRG: Report - Too High a Price—3 consequences of repeal for the states

This report should feature what will happen if some of the popular provisions of health reform are repealed as a means of pushing back against right wing calls for repeal.

Community Catalyst: Series of papers on different areas of reform aimed at advocates

National Women's Law Center: State by state report card on women's health - mid-Oct.