

Download Essential Health Benefits Balancing Coverage And Cost

The health care law, the Affordable Care Act, contains a number of provisions to ensure that Americans have access to quality, affordable health insurance. On February 20, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a final rule that helps consumers shop for and compare healthState Health Insurance Mandates and the ACA Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Provisions, with 50-state tables showing differences among states. These benefits applied to health policies for patient treatments beginning Jan. 1, 2014 and updated versions apply by state to the latest enrollments for 2017 and 2018. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides comprehensive benefits to children. States have flexibility to design their own program within federal guidelines, so benefits vary by state and by the type of CHIP program. States have the option to provide alternative benefits specifically tailored to meet the needs of certain Medicaid population groups, target residents in certain areas of the state, or provide services through specific delivery systems instead of following the traditional Medicaid benefit plan.