

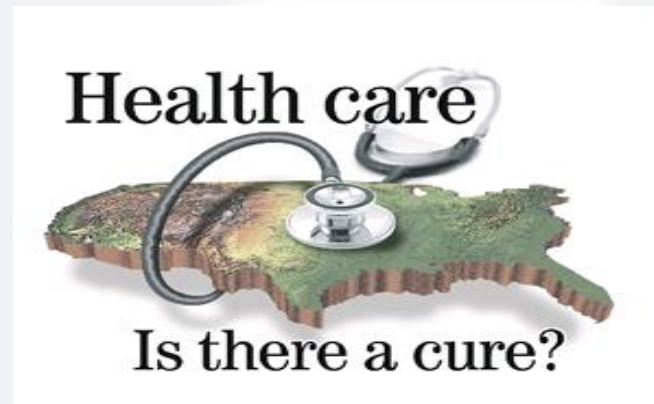


# Current Events



# Today's Healthcare Climate

- In 2014 the Affordable Care Act was fully implemented, expanding access to affordable health care across the country.
- However, this is still a political hot topic and there are still possibilities for further reform or repeal of the law.



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- This course *will not* get into the debate of national healthcare reform.
- We *will* highlight how the new law specifically impacts survivors and how it has changed access to healthcare in Washington State.



# Good News for DV Survivors!

- On March 30, 2010 President Obama signed a health reform reconciliation bill, putting the final touches on a new law that offers significant benefits to victims of domestic violence.
- The new health reform law means that it is illegal for health insurers to deny coverage to victims of domestic violence because they consider their abuse to be a preexisting condition.



# Preexisting Conditions

- Beyond not being able to use DV as an reason to deny a victim health benefits, the Affordable Care Act also prevents insurance companies from denying anyone health benefits based on any preexisting condition.



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- So, while we won't be covering more on reform,
- This course *will* present information about the intersections of ...

