

What will the ACA mean in Whatcom County?



A public forum on **“The Future of Affordable Care: Threats and Opportunities”** will be held on **April 20, 7-9 p.m.**, in Bellingham at St. Luke’s Health Education Center.

In the midst of national discussion and debate about the Affordable Care Act (ACA, also called “ObamaCare”) and the recently proposed American Health Care Act (“TrumpCare”), this local forum will give community members the chance to learn about and discuss the issues as they affect Washington State and Whatcom County.

A panel of local health care experts and community leaders will share their perspectives, followed by audience Q & A and discussion. The forum is organized by the Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA), and staff will be available on-site following the event to answer individuals’ specific questions. The event is free and open to the public.

Over 20,000 Whatcom County residents have enrolled in Medicaid (AppleHealth) since Washington’s Medicaid expanded as part of the ACA (source: www.1in4.com). Another 5,466 Whatcom residents received subsidies (tax credits) to make buying health insurance through the Washington Healthplanfinder, the state’s on-line insurance marketplace, more affordable.

Event Details

- Thurs., April 20, 7-9 p.m., St. Luke’s Health Education Center– 3333 Squalicum Parkway, Bellingham, WA 98225
- Open to the public; no RSVP required.

**The forum is sponsored by the Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement (WAHA), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting access to health care services for all members of our community. WAHA’s mission is to connect people to health care and to facilitate transformation of the current system into one that improves health, reduces cost and improves the experience of care. For more information, please visit www.whatcomalliance.org.