

Healthcare discussion guide resources

Section 1:

Medline Plus: Health Insurance

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthinsurance.html>

Source: U.S. National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health
Page that links to reliable sources of information on topics relating to health insurance, some available also in Spanish.

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage

<http://www.census.gov/Press->

[Release/www/releases/archives/news_conferences/007338.html](http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/news_conferences/007338.html)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Original news conference based on a 2005 American Community Survey
Video and transcripts are available, with some parts available in Spanish.

Section 2:

Guide to Immigrant Eligibility for Federal Programs

http://www.nilc.org/pubs/Guide_update.htm

Source: National Immigration Law Center

Tables and articles that outline eligibility for multiple federal programs. Medical programs include Medicaid and SCHIP.

State Health Facts

<http://www.statehealthfacts.kff.org/cgi-bin/healthfacts.cgi?>

Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

Quick access to healthcare access facts by state or category.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Large site covers Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, etc. “Tools and Resources” page (<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/tools.asp>) includes sections to browse by provider type or topic, as well as a contacts database by state.

Insure Kids Now!

<http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

One-stop to access all state SCHIP programs, and provides health insurance information including immigration concerns (Spanish version

<http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/espanol/default.asp>)

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

<https://www.pparx.org/Intro.php>

Source: Multiple partners including American Academy of Family Physicians and National Alliance for Hispanic Health

Access to prescription assistance for those who cannot afford their medications (Spanish version (<https://espanol.pparx.org/Intro.php>))

Section 3:

Migrant Health Program

<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/migrant/>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Primary Health Care Resources, databases, documents and a page (<http://ask.hrsa.gov/pc/>) dedicated to finding low-cost or no-cost clinics state-by-state.

Health Disparities

<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/clinical/publichealth/ptpops.html>

Source: American Academy of Family Physicians

Very helpful information and resources including minority health resources, health literacy resources, healthcare by language, and vital interpretation resources that includes a “Patient-Centered Guide to Implementing Language Access Services in Healthcare Organizations” and an “I Speak...” identification flashcard. Another featured section highlights excellent “Cultural Proficiency Resources”

(<http://www.aafp.org/online/en/home/clinical/publichealth/culturalprof.html>).

National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)

<http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlID=15>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health Outlines standards of healthcare services for patients who do not speak English. The main Office of Minority Health (<http://www.omhrc.gov/>) provides other resources and services (Spanish version

<http://www.omhrc.gov/templates/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlID=100>)

Office for Civil Rights

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights
Site dedicated to protecting civil rights guaranteed until Title VI and other legislation. Includes information in multiple languages, for service providers, and for individuals who would like to file a complaint. A section dedicated to Limited English Proficiency (<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/lep/>) gives excellent information on what is required of Federal Assistance Recipients, etc. Finally, an initiative on “Hospitals and Effective Communication” (<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hospitalcommunication.html>) offers resources and technical assistance in an effort to effectively enforce Title VI mandates.

General links of interest:

Healthfinder

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Highlights multiple aspects of healthcare, from access to prevention and wellness, access to health care and health care organizations, etc. (Spanish version

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/espanol/>)

Knowledge Path: Spanish Language Health Resources

http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_spanish.html

Source: Maternal and Child Health Library

Links to many sources of information, in Spanish, about both healthcare access and general healthcare topics.

Rural Health Policy: Minority Health

<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/overview/minority.htm>

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources & Services Administration

Featured sections include policy and research, border health, and link to a page that locates low-cost community health by state or territory.