

# Affordable Care Act in Tennessee

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Since enactment of the Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010, the Department of Health and Human Services has awarded \$48.7 million in new grant funding in Tennessee, and helped many residents and employers take more control of their health care – from new patient protections to new coverage options.\*

- **48,415 Medicare Part D “Donut Hole” Rebate Checks:** In Tennessee, 48,415 Medicare beneficiaries have received a one-time, tax free \$250 rebate to help pay for prescriptions in the “donut hole” coverage gap.
- **43 Uninsured Tennessee Residents Enrolled in the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan:** This plan provides a health coverage option for consumers who have been uninsured for at least six months, have a pre-existing condition or have been denied health coverage because of their health condition, and are a U.S. citizen or are residing here legally. In Tennessee, the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan is operated by the Federal government.
- **\$580,000 to Support a Consumer Assistance Program:** On September 30, 2010, HHS awarded new Consumer Assistance Program grants to help strengthen and enhance ongoing efforts in the States and local communities to protect consumers from some of the worst insurance industry practices. The Department of Commerce and Insurance, Consumer Insurance Services Section in Tennessee will receive \$580,000 to:
  - Dedicate two investigators to deal with health insurance issues.
  - Train existing Consumer Education Specialists in the requirements of the Affordable Care Act.
  - Provide outreach and education to consumers on their rights under the Affordable Care Act.
  - Contract with a qualified non-profit organization to provide assistance to consumers.
  - Provide a toll-free telephone line and web-based access, including suitable access for people with limited English proficiency, the hearing impaired, and those with mental health and substance abuse issues.
  - Collect and report data as required by the grant.
  - Partner with the TN SHIP to provide walk-in assistance for consumers and through the telephone hotline.
- **\$1 million to Crack Down on Unreasonable Insurance Premium Increases:** Tennessee will use the \$1 million in grant funding made available to:
  - **Additional Legislative Authority:** Tennessee requires prior approval of individual rates only. Grant funding will be used to develop language to expand the review and to provide authority to disapprove submitted rates.
  - **Expand the Scope of Health Insurance Premium Review:** The State will expand requirements to include both small and large group filings.
  - **Improve the Health Insurance Premium Review Process:** Currently the State requires prior approval of individual rates only. Grant funds will be used for improvements to information systems and electronic data capture.
  - **Make More Information Publicly Available:** Currently the department provides access to rate filings upon request and posts a spreadsheet on their website displaying

rate changes. Grant funds will be used to hold monthly public hearings and consumer meetings, as well as publish information on the web.

- **\$1 million to Plan for a [Health Insurance Exchange](#):** These grants will give States the resources they need to conduct the research and planning needed to build a better health insurance marketplace and determine how their Exchanges will be operated and governed. Tennessee will use these funds to:
  - Provide major deliverables include policy briefs, legal analyses and contractor studies, including a study on whether to merge the small group and individual markets.
  - Analyze Tennessee’s resources and capabilities, with significant additional time spent on program integration and business operations.
- **81 Employers Enrolled in [Early Retiree Reinsurance Program](#):** The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) provides much-needed financial relief to businesses, schools and other educational institutions, unions, State and local governments, and non-profits, in order to help retirees and their families continue to have quality, affordable health coverage. Find a list of organizations accepted into this program in your state [here](#). [see pp. 3-5]
- **\$6,731,451 in Therapeutic Discovery Project Program Tax Credits and Grants:** This program was created by the Affordable Care Act to support groundbreaking biomedical research to produce new therapies, address unmet medical needs, reduce the long-term growth of health care costs and advance the goal of curing cancer within the next 30 years. In Tennessee, this program will support 30 projects that show significant potential to produce new and cost-saving therapies, support good jobs, and increase U.S. competitiveness. This program is operated by the U.S. Department of Treasury, and a full list of small businesses participating in this program is available [here](#). [see pp.5-7]
- **Other Grants Made Available in Tennessee:**
  - **\$3.1 million** for Tribal, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs
  - **\$600,000** for Medicare improvements for patients and providers
  - **\$1.3 million** to strengthen public health infrastructure to improve health outcomes
  - **\$800,000** to build epidemiology, laboratory, and health information systems capacity
  - **\$100,000** for HIV Prevention and Public Health Fund activities
  - **\$2.9 million** for the Primary Care Residency Expansion Program
  - **\$1.4 million** for Advanced Nursing Education Expansion Program
  - **\$1.9 million** to expand physician’s assistant training
  - **\$1.4 million** for Nurse-Managed Health Clinics
  - **\$24.4 million** to support capital development in health centers
  - **\$1.4 million** for the Pregnancy Assistance Fund Program

\* The list is a selection of programs funded by the Affordable Care Act and does not add up to the total Affordable Care Act funding for the State.

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Rising health care costs have made it difficult for employers to provide quality, affordable health insurance for workers and retirees while also remaining competitive in the global marketplace. The percentage of large firms providing workers with retiree health coverage has dropped from 66 percent in 1988 to 29 percent in 2009.<sup>1</sup> Health insurance premiums for older Americans are over four times more expensive than they are for young adults,<sup>2</sup> and the deductible these enrollees pay is, on average, almost four times that for a typical employer-sponsored insurance plan.<sup>3</sup>

The Affordable Care Act creates a new program called the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program to help address this challenge that employers and older employees are facing. The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program provides \$5 billion in financial assistance to employers and unions to help them maintain coverage for early retirees age 55 and older who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

Businesses, other employers, and unions that are accepted into the program will receive reimbursement for medical claims for early retirees and their spouses, surviving spouses, and dependents. Savings can be used to reduce employer health care costs, provide premium relief to workers and families, or both. Applicants who are approved into the program receive reinsurance for the claims of high-cost retirees and their families (80 percent of the costs from \$15,000 to \$90,000). The program ends on January 1, 2014 when State health insurance Exchanges are up and running.

HHS has approved the following sponsors from Tennessee. More applications are being approved each day.

- Aerospace Contractors' Trust
- Aerospace Testing Alliance
- Alabama Laborers Health and Welfare Fund
- Arlington County School Board
- Babcock & Wilcox Technical Services Y-12, LLC
- Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation
- BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
- BMW Health and Welfare Plan for Brassell Harry L TTEE
- City of Bristol
- City of Chattanooga
- City of Columbia\*
- City of Etowah Utilities Department
- City of Germantown
- City of Jackson\*
- City of Kingsport\*
- City of Knoxville
- City of Loudon
- City of Morristown
- Claiborne County Board of Education
- CLARCOR Inc.

- Cleveland Utilities, Dept. of City of Cleveland
- County of Campbell Office of County Judge\*
- County of Carter
- County of Hamilton
- County of Rutherford, Office of the Budget Director
- DeKalb Telephone Cooperative Health Trust
- Deloitte LLP
- Eastman Chemical Company
- Electric Power Board of Metropolitan Nashville & Davidson County
- Evergreen Packaging, Inc.
- Federal Express Corporation
- First Horizon National Corporation
- General Shale Brick, Inc.
- Hamilton County Department of Education
- Health and Welfare Benefit Trust for Employees of \*
- IBEW 915 Health and Welfare Fund
- IBEW Local 666 Benefit Trust Fund
- International Paper Company
- Jackson Energy Authority
- Johnson City Power Board
- Knoxville Utilities Board
- LifeWay Christian Resources
- Louisiana Electrical Health and Welfare Fund
- Louisiana Laborers Health and Welfare Fund
- Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
- Lucite International, Inc.
- MAHLE Industries, Incorporated
- Memphis City Schools, Board of Education
- Memphis Light Gas and Water Division
- Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County
- Metropolitan Board of Education
- Mid-South Trans. Management Inc.
- New Orleans Electrical Health Plan
- NGK Metals Corporation
- Nissan North America, Inc.
- Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- Operating Engineers Local 474 Health and Welfare Fund
- Pirelli Armstrong Tire Retiree Medical Benefits Trust
- Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 150 Health and Welfare Fund
- Scott County
- Sheet Metal Workers' Local 15 Medical
- Sheet Metal Workers' Local 177 Health and Welfare Fund
- Sheet Metal Workers' Local 4 Health and Welfare Fund
- Sheet Metal Workers' Local 435 Health Fund
- Sheet Metal Workers' Local Number 48\*
- Sheet Metal Workers' National Health Fund
- Shelby County Board of Education
- Shelby County Government
- Southeast Laborers Health Fund

- Southeastern Carpenters and Milwrights Health Fund
- Southeastern Pipetrades Health and Welfare Fund
- Southern Operators Health Fund
- State of Tennessee
- Sullivan County Government
- Tennessee Valley Operating Engineers Health
- The Krystal Company
- UA Local 614 Health and Welfare Fund
- Unaka Company, Inc.
- UT-Battelle, LLC
- Vitro America, LLC
- Washington County\*

*\*New program participants as of December 20, 2010. List to be updated monthly.*

[1] Kaiser / HRET. *Employer Health Benefits: 2009 Survey.*

[2] Center for Policy and Research. *Individual Health Insurance 2009.*

[3] Kaiser Family Foundation. 2010. *Survey of People Who Purchase Their Own Insurance.*

## Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Credits for the State of Tennessee

**The listings below represent the applicants that are eligible for a Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Program Credit.**

*The project descriptions below were extracted from the applicant certification forms as submitted. The list provides only the applicant name and amount of the credit for each project for which the disclosure of additional information was not authorized.*

<b>Tennessee \$ 244,479.25</b>			
<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Eligible Credit Amount 2009</b>	<b>Eligible Credit Amount 2010</b>
Engineered Medical Systems LLC			\$ 244,479.25

### References/Related Topics

- [Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Credits and Grants](#)

# Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Grants for the State of Tennessee

The listings below represent the applicants that have been awarded a Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Program Grant.  
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**Tennessee \$ 6,731,451.41**

<b>Applicant Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grants Awarded for 2009</b>	<b>Grants Awarded for 2010</b>
Advanced Breath Diagnostics, LLC	13C-Spirulina Gastric Emptying Breath Test ("GEBT")	\$ 244,479.24	
Asklepion Pharmaceuticals LLC	Citrulline	\$ 244,479.25	
Asklepion Pharmaceuticals LLC	Cholic Acid	\$ 72,395.14	\$ 172,084.11
BioMimetic Therapeutics Inc	Orthopedic Program	\$ 244,479.25	
BioMimetic Therapeutics Inc	Sports Medicine Research and Development Program	\$ 244,479.25	
Cumberland Pharmaceuticals Inc	Cumberland TPr Antagonist	\$ 13,483.50	\$ 230,995.75
Cumberland Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Cumberland Caldolor Pediatrics	\$ 57,556.50	\$ 186,922.75
Cumberland Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Cumberland Acetadote ALF	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 77,229.50
Cumberland Pharmaceuticals, Inc	Cumberland Acetodate EF	\$ 67,886.00	\$ 176,593.25
ED Laboratories, Inc	EDL 2000	\$ 104,060.50	\$ 140,418.75
EDP Biotech Corporation	ColoMarker	\$ 244,479.25	
ExtraOrtho Inc	Biopolymer Sponge		\$ 244,479.25
Glenveigh Pharmaceuticals LLC	Belfort-Dildy Obstetric Tamponade System (BD OTS)	\$ 244,479.25	
Glenveigh Pharmaceuticals, Llc	Device For Measuring Cervical Dilation During Active Labor	\$ 48,589.50	\$ 32,607.50
Glenveigh Pharmaceuticals, LLC	Development of Therapeutic and Diagnostic for Preeclampsia (Project DIF)	\$ 109,469.00	\$ 46,957.50
GTx	ALK Inhibition Therapy	\$ 244,479.24	
GTx, Inc	Toremifene 20mg	\$ 244,479.24	
GTx, Inc.	Ostarine	\$ 244,479.24	

GTx, Inc.	GTx-758	\$ 244,479.24	
GTx, Inc.	Toremifene 80mg	\$ 244,479.24	
Hematotypes, Inc.	Rapid multiparameter immunophenotyping of target cell populations	\$ 5,182.00	\$ 3,956.00
Insight Genetics, Inc	Novel Molecular Diagnostic Tests for Cancers Driven by Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK)	\$ 244,479.25	
InVivoLink, LLC	InVivoLink Implant Registry	\$ 80,621.00	\$ 163,858.25
Molecular Design International, Inc.	Compound 49b prevents retinopathy	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 19,479.24
NellOne Therapeutics Inc	Development of novel cardiac and skeletal muscle regenerating therapy	\$ 113,397.50	\$ 131,081.74
Pathfinder Therapeutics, Inc	Image-Guided Cancer Therapeutic Delivery System	\$ 244,479.25	
Provectus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Pharmaceutical agent PV-10	\$ 244,479.24	
RxBio, Inc.	Rx100	\$ 182,397.50	\$ 62,081.75
Surgivision, Inc	ClearPoint	\$ 244,479.25	
SURGIVISION, INC.	SafeLead	\$ 244,479.25	

#### References/Related Topics

- [Qualifying Therapeutic Discovery Project Credits and Grants](#)

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