

# **Affordable Care Act and Tobacco Control: A Timeline**

### March 23, 2010:

President Obama signs the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law

### **September 23, 2010:**

New private plans required to cover preventive services, including tobacco cessation

### October 1, 2010:

All Medicaid programs required to cover tobacco cessation for pregnant women

## February 2, 2012:

Prevention and Public Health Fund raided. Cut by \$6.25 billion in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act

#### March 15, 2012:

CDC launches the *Tips from*Former Smokers campaign,
funded by the Prevention and
Public Health Fund

### November 26, 2012:

HHS releases proposed rules implementing Essential Health Benefit, rules on tobacco surcharges and wellness programs

## January 1, 2014:

Medicaid eligibility expands to 138 percent of the federal poverty level

### January 1, 2014:

State health insurance exchanges implemented

### January 1, 2014:

Tobacco cessation medications can no longer be excluded from state Medicaid coverage

**2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016** 

### January 1. 2011:

Medicare enrollees eligible for a new prevention and wellness visit, which can include tobacco cessation treatment

## January 1, 2011:

Medicare prescription drug "donut hole" begins to close, making tobacco cessation medications more affordable for seniors who want to quit

# January 1, 2013:

Medicaid programs that cover preventive services, including tobacco cessation, will receive an increase in matching funds

### December 16, 2011:

HHS releases bulletin outlining its implementation approach to the Essential Health Benefit

#### 2016:

HHS will re-evaluate the process for determining the Essential Health Benefit



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