

**THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (PPACA) ON LATINO IMMIGRANTS
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**Implicaciones de la ley de protección al paciente y de acceso a cuidados
(PPACA) en los inmigrantes latinos del Estado de Minnesota**

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ABSTRACT

This paper analyzes how the reform in the health system of the United States of America presented in the year 2012 also known as Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), would impact the foreign born Latino Community in the State of Minnesota.

Key words: Patient protection and affordable care act –PPACA–, Minnesota, latino community, immigrants, health care, health insurance.

RESUMEN

El presente artículo analiza el impacto de la reforma en el sistema de salud de los Estados Unidos de América, también conocido como el Patient

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Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), sobre las vidas de los inmigrantes nacidos en Latinoamérica y que viven en el Estado de Minnesota.

Palabras clave: Protección al paciente y cuidado de salud asequible, –PPACA–, Minnesota, comunidad latina, inmigrantes, cuidado de la salud, seguro de salud.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this paper is to illustrate how the new health reform in the United States, also known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) could impact foreign born Latino communities living in the state of Minnesota. PPACA is the first step of the United States government to implement a universal healthcare system, where people regardless of their economic situation, social, pathologic or cultural background, could access to health services economically and efficiently.

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1. UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

It is important before focusing the discussing on the impact of PPACA to foreign born Latino community in Minnesota to acknowledge what Universal Healthcare means. Essentially, universal healthcare relates to the possibility of every citizen in a country to receive high quality health services. In the case of the United States, PPACA will allow universal healthcare coverage through a combined public-market approach (HEALTH PACK, 2012).

Literature suggests that universal healthcare began in Germany with Otto Von Bismarck's, a statesman who led the formal unification of Germany in the late eighteen hundreds. This unification was possible through a series of social ideas which promoted legislation to health insurance to all citizens by the government (Originality, 2012). Even though, universal

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