10 reasons the Affordable Care Act is good for Michigan

1 Michigan's uninsured rate has dropped by <u>45%</u> under the Affordable Care Act.

2 Over <u>600,000</u> working individuals with low incomes were able to gain health insurance, many for the first time, through Michigan's Healthy Michigan Plan (Medicaid expansion).

3 Nearly <u>3.5 million</u> Michiganians (including <u>977,000</u> children) saw lifetime coverage limits disappear as a result of the Affordable Care Act's ban on lifetime limits.

4 Michigan residents have received <u>$91.8 million</u> in refunds from plans that overcharged for premiums since the ACA took effect.

5 <u>4.4 million</u> Michiganians with pre-existing conditions including cancer, asthma and diabetes who were often denied healthcare have been able to gain necessary health coverage.

6 An analysis done at the University of Michigan shows that the implementation of Medicaid expansion has resulted in more than <u>30,000</u> new jobs every year.

7 Prior to the Affordable Care Act, women were charged approximately <u>32%</u> more for health coverage than men. Now they are charged the same.

8 <u>70,000</u> young people have been able to stay on their parents' insurance as a result of a provision that requires health plans to allow those up to the age of 26 to stay on their parents' health insurance policies.

9 Mental health parity has provided coverage for those suffering from mental illness and substance use disorder, including opioid addiction.

10 <u>200,000</u> senior citizens and people with disabilities have saved an average of $1,000 each in prescription drug costs.