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# Health Coverage

Our Mission is to ensure that residents of Palm Beach County have access to quality health care services. As a safety net system, the Health Care District fills the gaps in the health care delivery system in Palm Beach County without duplicating existing state or federal programs. As needs of residents and resources change, we adapt our programs and priorities accordingly. Last year the health care landscape shifted dramatically.

Due to the roll-out of the Affordable Care Act, major changes have been made to our service programs. The members of our Vita Health program, a shared-cost plan that offered affordable health coverage to residents who didn't qualify for any state or federal programs, became eligible to purchase coverage through the federal health exchanges. Since our policy has always been to "fill the gaps" rather than duplicate existing government programs, **we stopped enrolling new members in Vita Health in October 2013** and currently are assisting existing members to

sign up for coverage through the health insurance Marketplace.

In addition, due changes in Medicaid at the state level, Our Medicaid HMO, **Personal Health Plan of Healthy Palm Beaches (PHP)**, was no longer able to operate as a Medicaid HMO. In August 2014, the District transitioned the approximately 14,000 members to one of four Medicaid plans that serve Palm Beach County.

On the other hand, health care reform has also created an unexpected “coverage gap” that we are helping to fill. When Florida decided not to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 52,000 Palm Beach County residents were left without coverage. Our District Cares Program (formerly Coordinated Care) has become an option for many of these uninsured residents. Since 1993, this program has been providing health care benefits to qualifying low-income residents who cannot obtain or cannot afford coverage anywhere else.

Also, the Health Care District has another health coverage program, the Maternity Care Program, which provides prenatal and postnatal care to uninsured expectant mothers.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Read the most recent Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Health Care District’s health coverage programs and the Affordable Care Act.

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C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics Finance Committee

**Date:** June 26, 2019

**Location:**

Health Care District of Palm Beach County  
1515 N. Flagler Drive, Suite 101  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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