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SEARAC is a national organization that advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans by empowering communities through advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building to create a socially just and equitable society. We envision a socially, politically and economically just society for all communities to enjoy for all generations.



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Happy Birthday!!!!



- March 23, 2011 marks the one-year anniversary of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act!

Affordable Care Act - 101

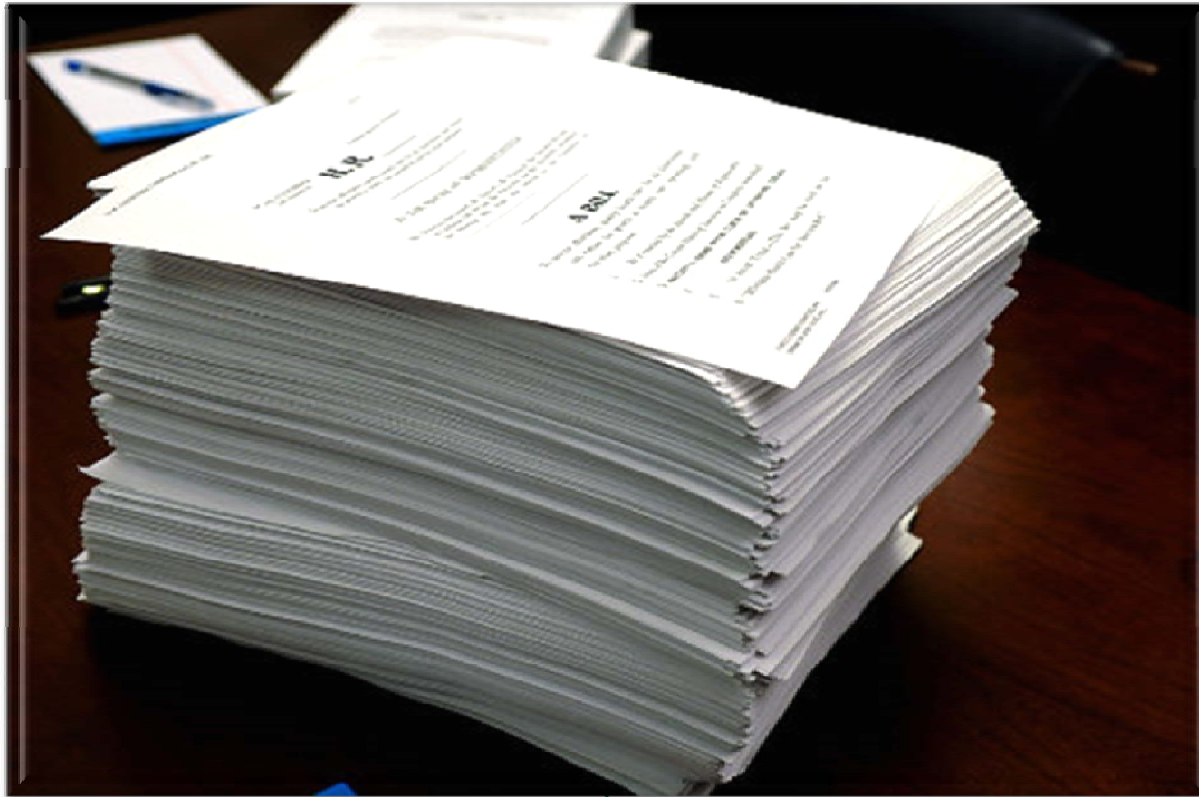


***UNDERSTANDING THE NEW
HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW***

Goal of this Discussion



- ❑ Provide you with a *concise* understanding of the ***Affordable Care Act (ACA)***.
- ❑ Understand the landscape *before ACA*, and what would happen if it were repealed.
- ❑ Find key issues that are *still unresolved*.
- ❑ Map out next steps for ***implementation***.



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Affordability

Quality

Consumer
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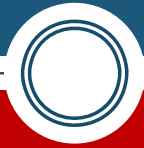
Access & Affordability



Meet the Saechao's



- Family is currently UNINSURED
- Dad is 45, naturalized
- Mom is 39, undocumented
- Kids are 5 and 7
- Only Dad is able to work
- Annual Income: \$24,000



Access & Affordability

The Saechao's options

BEFORE *the ACA*

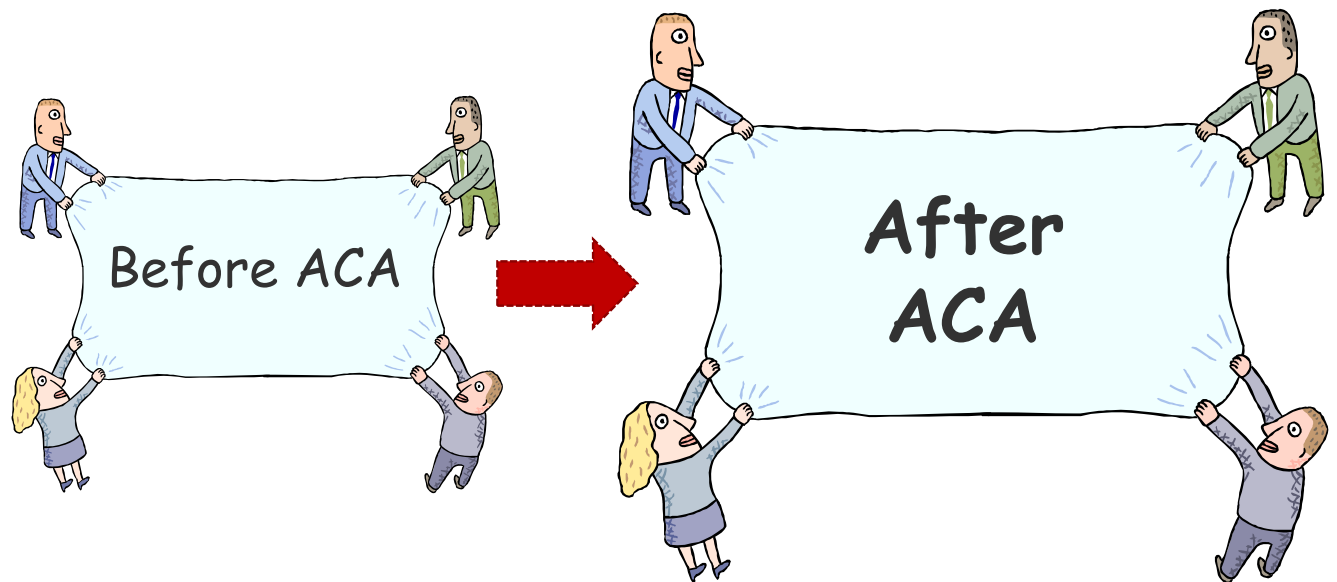
- Family does not qualify for Medicaid because of their income
- Family cannot afford private health insurance
- Mom's immigration status prevents her from receiving any assistance from existing public programs
- Kids are covered under Children's Health Insurance Program, but funding for next year is uncertain.

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The Saechao's Options

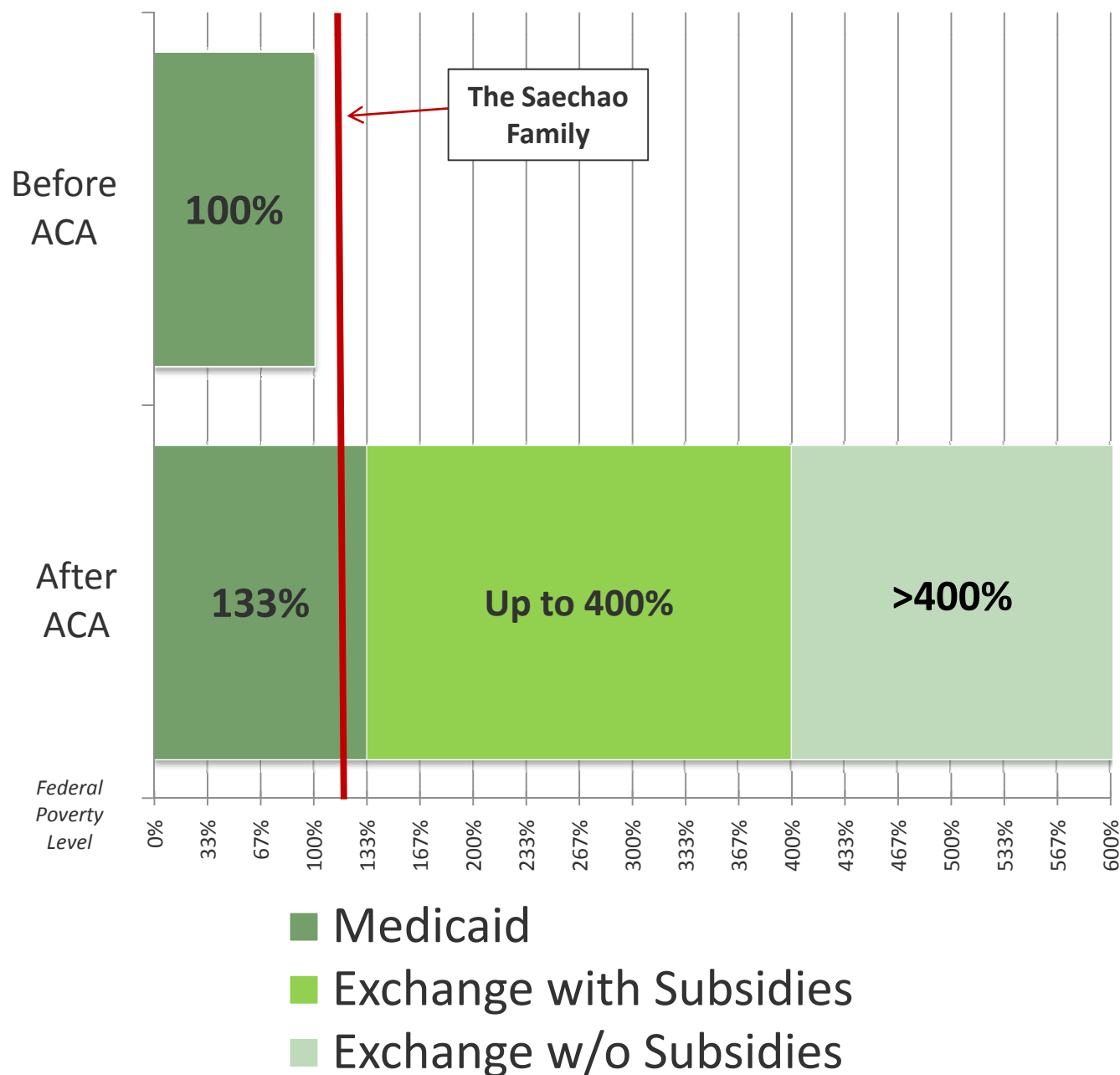
AFTER *the ACA*

- Medicaid Expansion
 - Medicaid will be expanded to 133% of the federal poverty level for all individuals under the age of 65.
 - To pay for this expansion, the federal government will pay for 100% of newly eligible Medicaid enrollees for the first 3 years.
- Children's Health Insurance Program extended until 2017



Access & Affordability

Coverage Eligibility under the Affordable Care Act



Access & Affordability

The Saechao's Options

AFTER *the ACA*





- Health Insurance Exchange
 - tax-credits available to some people to help pay for insurance premiums.

Health Insurance Exchange

- What is it?
 - a regulated marketplace where consumers can buy health insurance.
 - Ex: Travelocity or Expedia for health insurance

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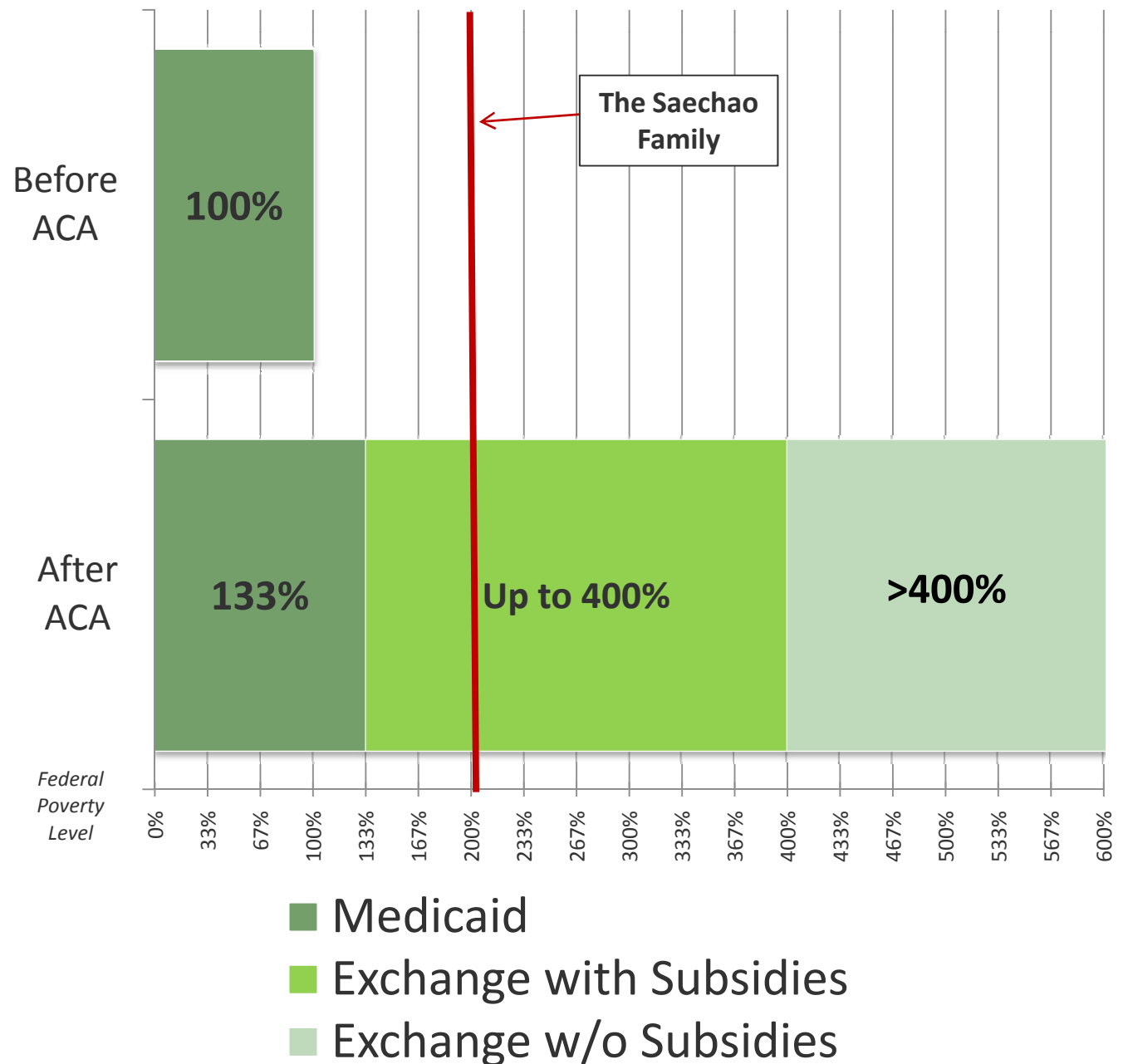


Health Insurance Exchange

- Benefits of the Exchange
 - Tax-credits for families and individuals between 133% FPL and 400% FPL.
 - Simplified for consumers
 - Essential benefits package

Access & Affordability

Coverage Eligibility under the Affordable Care Act





Health Insurance Exchange

*Health Insurance
Exchange: Next Steps*

- Questions that remain:
 - What steps are states taking to help enroll individuals into the exchange?
 - What steps are states taking to ensure that LEPs and others are able to navigate through the exchange?
 - What do states plan to do to address individuals who are still WITHOUT COVERAGE?

Quality





Quality

*Provisions within
ACA to improve
quality of care*

- Preventative Care
- Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Care
- Workforce

Quality



Preventative Care

- Medicare now covers ALL preventative care for elders!
- Payments to health care providers now reward the quality of treatments, rather than quantity.
- Increases funding for community-based prevention and public health by **\$15 billion over 10 years.**
- *Do our community members know about these new opportunities?*



Quality



Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care



- Focus on community-based care
- \$11 billion for community health centers
- Reinforcing Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards
- Data collection to address health care disparities (unfunded)
- *It will be important to make sure our community sees these funds*

Quality



Workforce Development

- Increase workforce supply and support training for health professionals through scholarships and loans
- *It will be important that these scholarship and loans encourage students to come back to their community*





Federal
Government

State
Government

County

Cities

Community
Organizations



Community
Members



THE KEY TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE...



...is you

Consumer Protections



Meet ...



- Age: 54
- Married
- Employer DOES NOT provide health insurance, so family must purchase it on the individual market.
- Kids: 20 and 25 year old.
- Medical history:
 - Hepatitis C = Liver problems
 - High blood pressure
 - Kidney problems



Consumer Protections

Before the
Affordable Care Act!

Rescission

- Insurance companies may cancel or rescind an insurance policy because of a pre-existing condition.

Annual or Lifetime Cap

- Insurance companies may place a ceiling on the total amount of benefits they have to pay out in a given policy holder's lifetime or a given year.

Coverage Disparity

- Insurance companies could charge different people, different rates on based on characteristics like: gender, chronic health conditions, etc.
- Ex: A healthy 22-year –old woman can be charged premiums 150% higher than a 22-year-old man!



Consumer Protections

After *the Affordable
Care Act!*

Pre- Existing Conditions

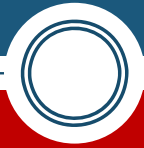
- ACA establishes the Patient Bill of Rights, that prevents insurance companies from cancelling insurance policies.

Annual or Lifetime Cap

- Under ACA, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to set limits on the dollar amount of health benefits that they will cover in a year or over the course of a person's lifetime.

Coverage Fairness

- health insurance plans will no longer be allowed to charge higher premiums based on health status and gender.
- Additionally, mental health care will receive equal coverage under insurance policy.



Understanding the Mandate

Why is it necessary?

- Individual mandate:
 - Starting in 2016, all individuals will be required to have some form of health insurance.
 - Why?
 - ✦ To protect consumers
 - ✦ To lower costs
 - ✦ To protect insurance companies

Next Steps

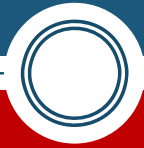


- ✓ A lot of these provisions have already been passed, but the hard work is **getting them implemented.**
- ✓ **Share this information.** The more people know, the better!
- ✓ **Get Involved!**

Ensuring Our Healthy Future



***CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW &
HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!***



Outline of the Campaign

“Ensuring Our Healthy Future” Campaign

- The *Ensuring Our Healthy Future* Campaign will focus on two main goals;
 - to help elevate local partners to take part in **state plans for implementation** of the ACA, and;
 - to **inform Southeast Asian American communities** about the various provisions that will affect their access to health insurance and public health programs.



Goals

*“Ensuring Our Healthy
Future” Campaign*

- *As an advocacy partner*, SEARAC will utilize our policy expertise to support our CBO partners to advocate for health policies
- *As community partners*, CBOs will use their community expertise, networks, and relationships to advocate for better health policies and educate the larger Southeast Asian American community they serve about the improvements to health care access and protections.

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About the Campaign

To celebrate the one year anniversary of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) and its community partners are embarking on a collective effort to shape health care reform implementation plans in five states. The overall goal of the *Ensuring Our Healthy Future* Campaign, is to ensure that community members have a seat at the decision-making table during implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Implementation of the ACA presents an enormous opportunity for the Southeast Asian American (SEAA) community to participate and support the development of more socially just, accountable, and responsive health policies that will ensure that all communities have greater access to quality health care.

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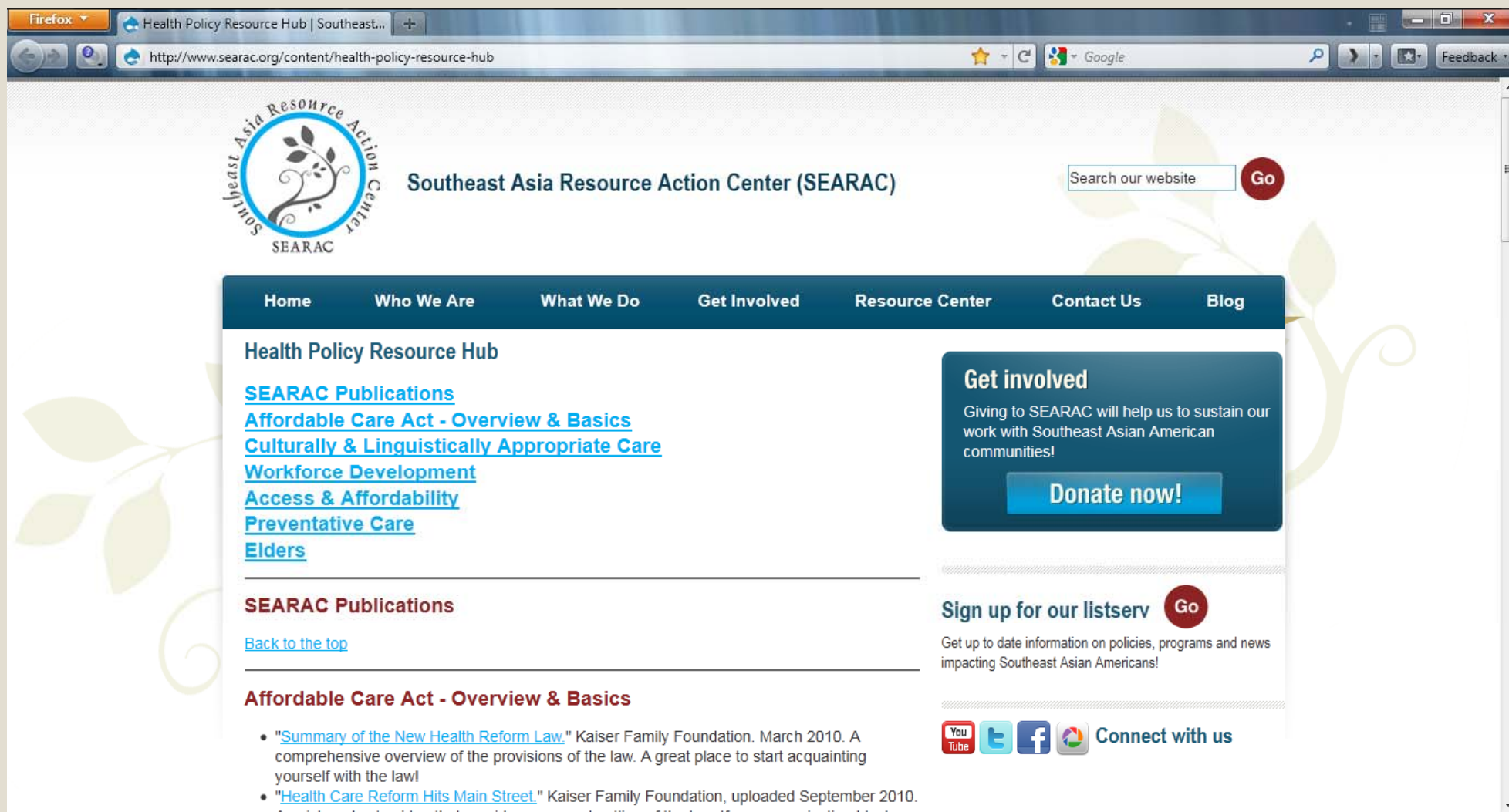
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- "Summary of the New Health Reform Law," Kaiser Family Foundation. March 2010. A comprehensive overview of the provisions of the law. A great place to start acquainting yourself with the law!
- "Health Care Reform Hits Main Street," Kaiser Family Foundation, uploaded September 2010. A quick and easy video that provides a general outline of the law. If your organization blocks

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- Ensuring Our Health Future Campaign HQ - <http://bit.ly/SEARAC-EOHF>
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