



National experts to discuss Affordable Care Act in Ann Arbor

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From website glitches on healthcare.gov since open enrollment began Oct. 1 to confusion about whether people can keep their current health care plans, many questions have surrounded the [rollout of the Affordable Care Act](#).

The Ann Arbor-based Center for Healthcare Research & Transformation is hoping to provide some answers at a [symposium next week in Ann Arbor](#).

CHRT has teamed up with the Knight-Wallace Fellows at the University of Michigan, the Institute for Healthcare Policy & Innovation at U-M and Michigan Radio to bring together a panel of national health care journalists and prominent health policy experts to discuss issues surrounding the Affordable Care Act.

The symposium will be held Monday from 1-5 p.m. inside the Michigan League Ballroom, 911 N. University Ave. No registration is necessary.

The event also will be live-streamed. Visit the CHRT website at www.chrt.org on the day of the event to join the live webcast.

The discussion is expected to touch on what's happening with health care reform as Jan. 1 draws near, lessons learned from the first attempts at communicating the federal health care law, how the media shaped public opinion about it, and how policy makers and media can better work together in the public interest.

Policy experts on the panel include IHPI director John Ayanian; Michael Cannon, director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute; and Heather Howard, director of the State Health Reform Assistance Network.

Journalists include Reed Abelson of The New York Times, Steven Brill of TIME Magazine, Jonathan Cohn of The New Republic, Holman Jenkins Jr. of The Wall Street Journal, Sarah Kliff of The Washington Post and NPR's Julie Rovner.