

## Will the Affordable Care Act really help disabled people?

Controversy has been in a constant state of circulation ever since President Obama announced his plans to launch the Affordable Care Act. Touted as some to be the solution to the nation's health care woes, others may not see it as helpful as it intends to be. This could be found to be especially true for people who require a diagnosis in order to be collect disability benefits.

That's because, as many of our readers may not know, preventative screenings may not be covered by Medicaid. This could prove to be quite harmful to those beneficiaries currently receiving this form of health insurance because they rely on these benefits to help manage their [disability](#).

To complicate things further, many state officials acknowledge that there is missing information when it comes to health care coverage. This includes officials here in Illinois who may not be able to answer people's questions about whether their office visits for their disability will be covered. According to an analysis conducted by the George Washington University School of Public Health and Services of Medicaid programs across the United States, a large portion of state don't provide clear language that tells people what services will be paid for and which will not.

These complications could be considerably frustrating to anyone who is or intends on receiving disability benefits down the road. For those who have already suffered through complications with the Social Security Administration in order to get their benefits, this frustration may be increased. In instances like this, obtaining legal representation may be an alternative to suffering through such difficulties again.

**Source:** Disability Scoop, "[For Many With Disabilities, Health Screenings Still Not Covered](#)," Shaun Heasley, July 10, 2013