

The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities will be coordinating the following activities during April 2013 in celebration of National Minority Health Month. For more information on activities taking place in Maryland during the month of April, please contact the office at 410-767-7117 or [DHMH.HealthDisparities@Maryland.gov](mailto:DHMH.HealthDisparities@Maryland.gov).

***The Affordable Care Act and how it can benefit YOU! - Friday, April 5, 2013***

The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities will be hosting an event for State and Health Department Employees titled *The Affordable Care Act and how it can benefit YOU!* The learning and discussion session will be one hour in length and held at 2 times, to accommodate staff lunch breaks. The purpose of the session will be to provide an opportunity for State Center Employees to learn about and discuss the Affordable Care Act, how it will benefit YOU (the attendees), how it's being implemented in Maryland, provisions that will affect minority communities, and how health reform will advance health equity in Maryland. Expected attendance is 100+ people.

***The Affordable Care Act and Facts for YOU! – Multiple disseminations through April, 2013***

The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities will distribute multiple electronic disseminations that provide detailed information on the Affordable Care Act nationally, the Maryland Health Benefit Connection (Exchange), data specific to racial and ethnic groups, resources, and local events. The information will be sent to the MHHD network of approximately 4,900 constituents, and subsequently forwarded out to the constituents' networks.