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## Washington

- **8,700** MedTech Jobs<sup>1</sup>
- **170,101** Washington residents enrolled in or renewed quality, affordable private health coverage for calendar year 2015 in the open enrollment period that began Nov 15, 2014 (as of Apr 17, 2015, which are the latest statistics available).<sup>2</sup>
- As many as **2,969,739** non-elderly Washington residents have some type of pre-existing health condition, including **372,468** children. Today, most insurers can no longer deny coverage to anyone because of a pre-existing condition, like asthma or diabetes, under the health care law.<sup>3</sup>
- **2,427,000** people in Washington, including **937,000** women and **580,000** children, are free from worrying about lifetime limits on coverage.<sup>3</sup>
- **9,605** Washington residents with private insurance coverage benefited from **\$792,846** in refunds from insurance companies because of the ACA 80/20 rule.<sup>3</sup>
- The health care law expands mental health and substance use disorder benefits and federal parity protections for **1,356,515** Washington residents.<sup>3</sup>
- Specific information showing increases in sales, stock prices, and related financial indicators for Varian Medical Systems are included in the 2015 report of the National Center for Health Research, Analysis of Impact of Device Excise Tax on U.S.-Based Medical Device Companies.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Jobs by State (Advamed) <http://www.lifechanginginnovation.org/jobs-by-state> (accessed Jun 25, 2015)

<sup>2</sup> Washington Health Benefit Exchange April 22, 2015 Press Release <https://wabhexchange.org/news-resources/press-room/press-releases/spring-special-enrollment-data/> (accessed July 1, 2015)

<sup>3</sup> How the Health Care Law is Making a Difference for the People of Washington (HHS) <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/wa.html> (accessed Jun 25, 2015)

<sup>4</sup> Analysis of Impact of Device Excise Tax on U.S.-Based Medical Device Companies (National Center for Health Research) <http://center4research.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/NCHR-Analysis-of-Impact-of-Device-Excise-Tax-on-US-Based-Medical-Device-Companies.pdf>