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## West Virginia

- **1,100** MedTech Jobs<sup>1</sup>
- **33,421** West Virginians 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 Feb 22, 2015, which are the latest statistics available).<sup>2</sup>
- As many as **799,920** non-elderly West Virginians have some type of pre-existing health condition, including **91,098** 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>
- **581,000** people in West Virginia, including **219,000** women and **147,000** children, are free from worrying about lifetime limits on coverage.<sup>3</sup>
- **8,290** West Virginians with private insurance coverage benefited from **\$902,721** 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 **322,172** West Virginians.<sup>3</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> HHS March Enrollment Report  
[http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Mar2015/ib\\_2015mar\\_enrollment.pdf](http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Mar2015/ib_2015mar_enrollment.pdf)  
(accessed July 1, 2015)

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