



# Congressman Ed Pastor's Washington Update

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## NOTES OF INTEREST

- **The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Affordable Care Act, which will help expand affordable health care to all Americans.**
- **Rep. Pastor's Mobile Office brings services close to you.** Visit [www.pastor.house.gov](http://www.pastor.house.gov) for times and locations.
- **Need help applying for U.S. citizenship? Sign up for Rep. Pastor's Citizenship Day on Oct. 20** where your paperwork will be completed for free. More info at 602-256-0551.
- **Are you registered to vote? Find out at [www.pastor.house.gov](http://www.pastor.house.gov), and sign up for an email reminder to vote on Election Day!**

## Supreme Court decision on Affordable Care Act benefits Americans, expands health care coverage

For me, from the beginning, I believed the fight for passage of the Affordable Care Act was about fairness and equal treatment. Everyone, no matter what income background, should have access to affordable health care to try to maintain a good quality of life and manage medical issues and emergencies. As a humane society that looks out for each other, it's the right thing to do.

That's what makes the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act - the law that will finally help most Americans receive health care insurance - a profoundly important and victorious decision for all

Americans. With this ruling, the Supreme Court recog-

nized the legality of ensuring that all Americans have the healthcare coverage they need and deserve. Hard-working, middle-income families will have affordable access to healthcare coverage and will be protected from the worst insurance company practices and abuses.

Two key points reso-

never again be denied coverage or care due to a pre-existing condition like cancer, diabetes or asthma; and when the law becomes fully effective in 2014, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to limit the amount spent on individuals, which will especially benefit those fighting chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

According to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov), which I invite you to visit, there are key provisions that have already taken effect under the Affordable Care Act that are helping Arizonans meet their health care needs. For example, preventive care already is free of co-pays from insurance companies - including mammograms, colonoscopies and wellness visits for seniors.

I encourage readers to visit the website and learn more about how the law is helping alleviate health care costs for all Arizonans.



Rep. Pastor discusses health care issues with surgical nurse Mary Harden at an event at Maricopa Integrated Health System in Phoenix.

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## Rep. Pastor warns individuals eligible for deferred action to avoid paying anyone for assistance while process is being set up

The recent deferred action announcement by the Obama Administration, granting temporary immigration relief to certain eligible young people, has prompted an increase in crimes by immigration scam artists who have promised to provide "immigration-related services" in exchange for payment. **Do not provide money or information to these individuals**, as no formalized process for applying for deferred action has been implemented as this current time. Therefore, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service currently is not accepting applications. Interested individuals must wait until USCIS has announced that it will begin accepting applications for review, a process expected to be formalized by late August.

Furthermore, the process to request deferred action is expected to be straight-forward and simple enough that applicants will not need to pay attorneys or third parties for help in completing the appropriate paperwork, if the applicant has a criminal-free background. More information is available at [www.USCIS.gov/avoidscams](http://www.USCIS.gov/avoidscams) or by contacting Rep. Pastor's Office at 602-256-0551.

**Deferred Action application process**



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