**Resources: Affordable Health Care Act 8/23/13**

**Websites:**

* New York State of Health (the official NYS health plan marketplace) <http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov.>
* The Institute of Medicine has a [resource center](http://wc4.net/t?r=850&c=3593852&l=337856&ctl=482D634:625866846E433054D462AC785DCD5DE9CA6C8C52E4EE0978&) to help consumers understand and make health insurance decisions about the Affordable Care Act. Additional materials for download appear on the right hand side of the page.

**Webinars:**

* WebJunction Webinar: Affordable Care Act: **Wed. August 28 at 1 pm**. Click here to register: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Libraries_and_ACA_Resources.html>
* NYLA Webinar: What NY’s Librarians Need to Know about New York’s Health Benefit Exchange – **Thurs., August 29, 2:00 – 3:30**. Click here to register <http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=855&MenuKey=career>. Free to all NYLA members.
* A summary of the July 27 WebJunction webinar, including access to the full webinar archive, is now available at <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/Libraries_and_Health_Insurance_Preparing_for_October_1.html>
* Also on Webjunction: <http://webjunction.org/explore-topics/ehealth.html>. Visit the FAQ. Sign up to receive updates about webinars and additional resources.

**People:**

* In-Person Assistor/Navigators have been assigned to each county. Their role is to provide in-person enrollment assistance to individuals, families, small businesses and their employees who apply for health insurance through the Exchange. [www.healthbenefitexchange.ny.gov/IPANavigatorMap](http://www.healthbenefitexchange.ny.gov/IPANavigatorMap)

**What Can Libraries Do?**

* Spend some time reviewing the New York State of Health website
* Identify a staff member that can champion library-related resources and supports for health information at your library and will keep staff informed of new information as it becomes available.
* Review computer access policies and procedures. (You may want to consider adjusting computer access time)
* Don’t panic! Our role as librarians is to be a conduit of information, not to be health care experts.