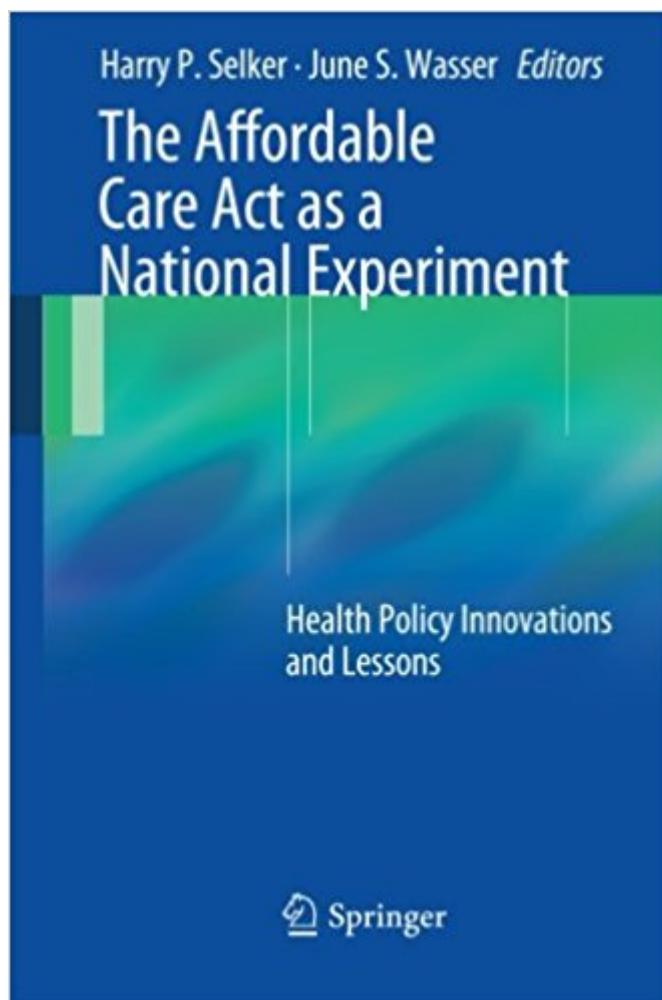


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# The Affordable Care Act As A National Experiment: Health Policy Innovations And Lessons



## Synopsis

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- Objectives of the ACA
- Analysis of data collected from healthcare reform programs in Vermont and Massachusetts to inform national implementation of the ACA
- Engaging the public in, and building support for, ACA implementation
- Interplay of federal, state, and local healthcare policy decisions arising from the enforcement of the ACA
- Featuring contributions from nationally renowned leaders in healthcare policy, this book adds to the public conversation about the ACA and its role in shaping health policy and contributes to a more realistic, nuanced, and productive understanding of this landmark legislation by physicians, policy makers, and the public. It also provides a framework for next steps in continuing to improve U.S. health policy.

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There are seventeen chapters in this book for those who are curious about the beginnings of the Affordable Care Act. In particular I find that two chapters authored by Dr. Judyann Bigby MD to be of special interest. Dr. Bigby served as Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 2007 to 2013. Dr. Bigby is currently director of the Harvard Medical School Center of Excellence in Women's Health. The authors (all eighteen) describe in some detail how states like Massachusetts and Vermont served as laboratories for principal investigators conducting social experiments in the field of public health. The book is illustrated with many maps and graphs.

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