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## **Pennsylvania SBDC Announces Affordable Care Act Webinar Series for Business Owners**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. – As the next phase of open enrollment approaches under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), the [Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers](#) (SBDC) have announced a series of live webinars launching this fall to assist business owners. As part of its Small Business Health Care Advisory Council, the SBDC has partnered with legal, employee benefits, and tax experts to develop business-focused ACA presentations specifically for small firms. Confirmed speakers include:

- Jessica Dunlap, CPA, The Catanese Group, PICPA Representative
- Bill Long, SMC Insurance Agency
- Eric Pochas, Vantagen LLC
- Nicole Radziewicz, Rhoads & Sinon LLP

The webinars will be delivered in two parts, ACA 101 for employers with less than 50 employees and ACA 201 for employers with 50-100 employees. There is no fee to attend these webinars, however online registration is required.

ACA 101 (less than 50 employees) will cover important definitions and thresholds such as shared responsibility and minimum essential coverage, qualifying for exemptions, coverage options for sole proprietors, premium assistance subsidy (also known as tax credits or rebates), information on calculating full time employees under the Act, employee notice requirements for employers, practical advice on where to get insurance, and budgeting for health care.

- [ACA 101 Webinar – September 16, 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.](#)
- [ACA 101 Webinar – October 14, 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.](#)
- [ACA 101 Webinar – November 11, 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.](#)

ACA 201 (more than 50 employees) will address important scenarios and examples such as what provisions of the Act are already in effect, calculating full time equivalents, determining full-time status and eligibility, requirements of insurance coverage by applicable large employers, obtaining health insurance coverage for company employees, and next steps for employers related to the ACA.

- [ACA 201 Webinar – September 16, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.](#)
- [ACA 201 Webinar – October 14, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.](#)
- [ACA 201 Webinar – November 11, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.](#)

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SBDC Locations

Bucknell University

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Widener University

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The Pennsylvania Health Care Advisory Council is comprised of business and trade associations, economic development organizations and the Pennsylvania SBDC. The Council has developed educational sessions and a referral web site to assist small businesses and connect them with the agencies and associations to provide the answers, resources, and guidance they need to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In addition, the Council provides web-based educational material and live seminars throughout the Commonwealth in cooperation with the network of 18 Small Business Development Centers. The Council's website [www.pahealthcare.org](http://www.pahealthcare.org) provides referrals to service providers, news updates, and event announcements.

Business owners are encouraged to research coverage options, conduct sound financial planning and determine company policies on health insurance offerings to employees. The statewide network of SBDCs is available to provide confidential, no-fee assistance to businesses with financial analysis and business planning related to the ACA. Business owners and managers should contact their local SBDC by visiting <http://pasbdc.org/centers>.

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#### **About Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)**

*The Pennsylvania SBDC ([www.pasbdc.org](http://www.pasbdc.org)) network is the only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, individualized sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more. The SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and 18 universities and colleges across the Commonwealth.*

#### **About Rhoads & Sinon LLP**

*Established in 1935, and located in the heart of Harrisburg's commercial and government districts, Rhoads & Sinon ([www.rhoadssinon.com](http://www.rhoadssinon.com)) is one of Central Pennsylvania's premiere regional firms providing sophisticated counsel to corporate, municipal, governmental and individual clients throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

#### **About SMC Insurance Agency**

*SMC Insurance Agency ([www.smc.org](http://www.smc.org)) professionals are experienced in making sense of insurance for small and medium size businesses. SMC offers a comprehensive array of insurance options for all business needs, and provides the guidance to help business owners get exactly what they need, no less and no more.*

#### **About Vantagen LLC**

*Vantagen ([www.vantagenllc.com](http://www.vantagenllc.com)) is an affiliate company of ParenteBeard, dedicated to human resources consulting and administration services. Its niche practice serves clients located throughout the U.S. and is primarily focused on traditional HR consulting, executive search and employee benefits administration.*

#### **About the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA)**

*The PICPA ([www.picpa.org](http://www.picpa.org)) is a premiere statewide association of more than 22,000 members working in public accounting, industry, government, and education. Founded in 1897, PICPA is the second oldest and fourth largest state CPA society in the country and is committed to serving the public interest while also helping its members belong, grow and achieve.*