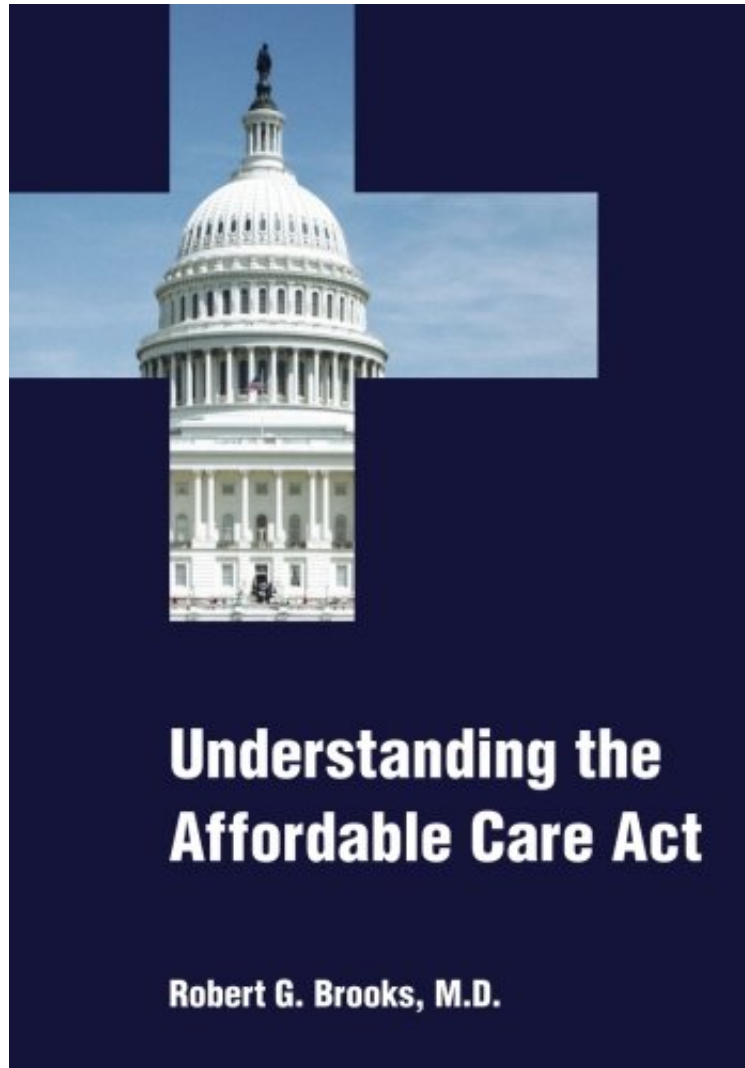


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This is a book meant for the advanced student of health policy and healthcare leaders throughout the country who are working daily in the healthcare fields that are impacted by the law. Incredibly, surveys of the public and of professionals in the healthcare field show that both groups have major gaps in basic knowledge about the ACA, how it will affect onersquo;s own health or business, and how it will impact the landscape of healthcare in the U.S. This work

attempts to have a balance of approach to the ACA. Hopefully this willingness to discuss both the advances and the challenges of the ACA will be evident to those who take the time to read the book. It is not a book that is meant to convince the reader to love the ACA if they hate it, or to hate it if they love it. It is not meant to be a book about politics, yet the author recognizes that, even after more than five years since its passage, public perception and attitudes about the ACA are often related to one's political position, and discussions on the ACA often evoke very visceral reactions. My hope with this book is that a deeper knowledge of the ACA's many features will bring a better understanding and result in a more informed public dialogue and reforms where needed. The resources used in the preparation of this book have been mainly peer-reviewed and academic literature, or government and non-profit reports on the ACA. Occasionally, print media and websites have been utilized when the information found there is important and felt to be accurate.

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