



**Lower
Manhattan
Cultural
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EMPOWERING ARTISTS,
INVESTED IN COMMUNITY

ART & RESILIENCE

ARTS + INSURANCE: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW AND WHY NOW

HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

The following is a selection of insurance guides and healthcare providers you can use to create a plan that meets your health care needs.

HEALTH INSURANCE RESOURCES & GUIDES

NYC Health Insurance Link: This guide lets individuals, including self-employed and part-time workers, compare health plans sold by different health insurance carriers, associations, and purchasing alliances in New York City. It provides individuals with a comprehensive list of available plans and, for self-employed individuals, a representative sample of health plans available in the City. www.nyc.gov/hilink

New York State Health Insurance Information For Consumers: The Health Insurance Resource Center provides information on various types of health insurance plans available, information on various health insurance options and companies, as well as links to other websites that provide relevant information regarding health care in New York State. <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/hgintro.htm>

The Actors Fund-How to Get Affordable Health Care in New York City: This is a national healthcare directory created by the Artists' Health Insurance Resource Center (AHIRC), a project of The Actors Fund. AHIRC provides health care resources for artists, performers, freelancers and the self-employed. www.ahirc.org/newyork

Community Health Centers and Dental Clinics: Two directories from NYC.gov of locations where you can receive Dental and Vision care at low cost or on a sliding scale if you cannot afford to purchase these types of insurance via the Health Care Marketplace. http://www.nyc.gov/html/hia/html/healthcare_resources_uninsured/community.shtm
http://www.nyc.gov/html/hia/html/healthcare_resources_uninsured/services_dental.shtml

U.S. Small Business Administration: Resources on what the Affordable Healthcare Act means for small businesses and self-employed business owners
<https://www.sba.gov/healthcare>

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FOR ARTISTS

Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic: This health clinic works closely with the social service programs offered by The Actors Fund. On-site general practitioners and specialists provide free health care to professionals in the entertainment industry who are uninsured or underinsured. The Clinic offers annual free flu shot events, as well as health fairs, for the entire industry.
www.actorsfund.org/services-and-programs/al-hirschfeld-free-health-clinic

Lincoln Art Exchange: This program at Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx allows eligible NYC-based artists who do not have health insurance to exchange their creative services for healthcare. To set up an enrollment interview, call 855-LIN-ARTS (855-546-2787) or email lincolnartexchange@nychhc.org
www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/lincoln/html/LAX/artexchange.shtml

Woodhull Medical Center's Artist Access Program: This Brooklyn based healthcare initiative was developed by a consortium of artist service organizations and unions - including Dance/NYC, DTW, and NYFA. The program offers affordable healthcare for all NYC-based artists and arts workers, and also offers artists the option to exchange creative services for medical care. For information, call the Artist Access hotline: 877-244-5600.