

Roberta Riportella is the new Kansas Health Foundation Professor of Community Health in the School of Family Studies and Human Services, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University and K State Research and Extension. Professor Riportella has spent over 30 years analyzing health policy and teaching about it, most recently as a Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has a long and varied career working with many state based agencies, non-profits, and health care provider groups focused on issues related to how individuals, families and communities can best create opportunities for health and accessing health care. She is most proud of her 10 years as Project Director for Wisconsin's statewide coalition Covering Kids and Families.

Since March 2010 when health care reform became a law, Professor Riportella has been helping professional groups, communities and consumers become informed about its potential impact.

Professor Riportella has created both a blog:

<https://blogs.ksre.ksu.edu/issuesinhealthreform/>

and a website about reform: <http://ksre.ksu.edu/issuesinhealthreform/>.

She has been lead on several eXtension webinars:

http://www.extension.org/pages/68424/affordable-care-act#.UiY_Wz9dDgV;

has written several factsheets with others in development:

<http://ksre.ksu.edu/issuesinhealthreform/p.aspx?tabid=21>

has been featured in several press releases:

http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/news/story/affordable_care071913.aspx;

<http://www.khi.org/news/2013/jun/24/getting-word-out-about-obamacare/>

and has been asked to write magazine articles

<http://ksre.ksu.edu/issuesinhealthreform/p.aspx?tabid=17>

