### Medicaid's Role in the Health Benefits Exchange: A Road Map for States

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# What is Maximizing Enrollment?

- \$15 M Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative launched as Maximizing Enrollment for Kids in 2008
- Goal: Build more efficient and effective enrollment systems for public and publicly subsidized health coverage programs
  - Increase enrollment of eligible uninsured children
  - Ready enrollment systems for 2014
  - Share models and lessons
  - Document and evaluate what we learn
- 8 grantees receive \$1 M, peer-learning and TA





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#### Medicaid: From Welfare Program to Health Insurer

- 1965: Medicaid authorized as welfare-related program
- **1996: Medicaid delinked from cash assistance**
- **2011:** Medicaid covers over 40 million people under age 65
  - Most are in working families
- 2014: Medicaid is 1 of 4 "State Health Subsidy Options" under ACA; 16 million more people eligible
  - Medicaid for individuals < 139% FPL</li>
  - CHIP for children in families between 139% FPL and state ceiling
  - Basic Health Program for individuals between 139% & 200% FPL (optional)
  - Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) offering products for individuals with incomes between 139% and 400% FPL
- 2019: Medicaid is 2<sup>nd</sup> largest source of coverage for < 65</p>

#### Medicaid in the Continuum of Coverage in 2019



#### Total = 280 million people < 65

Source: The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured Data: Congressional Budget Office estimates, March 18, 2010

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#### Eligibility & Enrollment for State Health Subsidy Options Coordinated, Streamlined, Technology-Enabled, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Experience

 "Collaborative, intensive partnership between CMS, OCIIO and states responsible for implementation of the Exchanges...Medicaid and CHIP...."

CMS/CCIIO Guidance for Exchange and Medicaid Information Technology Systems, 11/3/10

 "...[S]ystem transformations should be undertaken in full partnership with Exchanges in order to meet coverage goals, ... produce seamless enrollment for consumers, and ensure accuracy of program placements. Extensive coordination and collaboration would be required between Exchanges and Medicaid."

NPRM for Federal Funding for Medicaid Eligibility Determination & Enrollment Activities, 11/8/10

 "...the Exchange will need to work closely with Medicaid, CHIP, and other Health and Human Services Programs in order to ensure seamless eligibility verification and enrollment processes."

Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State Operated Health Insurance Exchanges, 1/20/11



#### Eligibility and Enrollment Workflow for Consumers Seeking Coverage through the Exchange



\* Data sharing for the purposes of determining eligibility for additional benefits.

#### Streamlining and Coordinating Eligibility and Enrollment States Awaiting Federal Guidance on Some Aspects

- Model Application for State Health Subsidy Programs
- MAGI Definitions
  - Income counting rules
  - Household composition rules
- Income Verification
- Medicaid "Medical Support" Requirement
- Tracking Medicaid "Newly Eligible"
- Income Changes and Renewal Requirements
- Enrollment Effective Dates
- CHIP Waiting Periods



# Streamlining and Coordinating Eligibility and Enrollment States are Moving Forward

- Undertaking gap analysis comparing ACA requirements and existing state law and practice
  - Landscape scan of state eligibility and enrollment rules
  - Comparison with ACA
- Developing program and policy regulations
  - Determine what rules *must* change
  - Determine which rules *should* be changed
- Designing IT and administrative processes
  - ✓ Accessing federal financial support
- Building on Medicaid's experience

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#### **Integration Goals**

- Facilitating transitions
- Leveraging buying power

#### **Minimal Integration**

#### **Maximum Integration**

#### **Integration Strategies**

- Contracted Plans
  - Marketing Rules
  - Quality Strategies
  - Reporting Requirements
- Benefits
- Provider Networks
- Basic Health Program

#### **Medicaid Contracting Options**

Medicaid Managed Care/ Basic Health Program Basic Health Program/ Qualified Health Plan

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#### **Certification of QHPs and Medicaid Managed Care Plans**





#### **Quality Strategies and Reporting**



#### **Federal Standards for QHPs**

- Increased reimbursement or other incentives for and reporting of
  - Implementing activities to improve health outcomes, including use of medical homes
  - Implementing activities to prevent readmissions
  - Implementing activities to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors
  - Promotion of wellness and health
  - Reduction of disparities
- As of Jan. 2015, a QHP may only contract with a hospital that
  - Utilizes a patient safety evaluation system
  - Assures patients receive comprehensive plan for hospital discharge
  - Implements a health care QI program

#### **Consumer Information and Reporting Requirements**





- ACA requires the Secretary to develop, in collaboration with states, a risk adjustment program
  - Apply to all plans in the individual and small group market
  - Both inside and outside of the Exchange
- ACA does not require state to apply risk adjustment in Medicaid
  - Should state use same risk adjustment program for Medicaid?
  - For Basic Health Program?



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#### **Benefit Alignment Considerations**

- Availability of enhanced FMAP
- Continuity of coverage
- Continuity of care
- Enrollees' medical needs
- Basic Health Program option
- Ease of administration

#### **Benefit Options in 2014**

Benefit	Essential Benefits	Minimum Benchmark	Maximum Benchmark*	Standard Medicaid
Ambulatory services	x	x	x	х
Lab and x-ray	x	x	x	Х
Inpatient hospital services	x	x	x	Х
Prescription Drugs	x	x	x	X**
Pediatric services incl. oral and vision care	Х	x	x	Х
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	x	X	x	Х
Outpatient hospital services	x	X	x	Х
Rehabilitative and habilitative services	x	X	x	X**
EPSDT		x	X	Х
Family planning		x	x	Х
Non-emergency medical transportation		Х	Х	Х
Federally Qualified Health Center/ Rural Health Center services		X	Х	Х
Nursing facility services			x	Х
Home Health Care Services			x	X**

\* Subject to HHS approval

\*\* Optional

#### Federal Funding for Minimum Required Benefits in 2014

Population	Essential	Benchmark	Standard Medicaid	Federal Financial Participation in 2014
CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE MEDICAID				
Children		~		Standard match rate
Parents (below state 1996 welfare level)			~	Standard match rate
Parents (above state 1996 welfare level)		×		Standard match rate
Pregnant women				
Aged, Blind or Disabled			$\checkmark$	Standard match rate
Childless adults		v		Expansion state enhanced match rate
NEWLY ELIGIBLE MEDICAID <65 years old				
Parents (above state income level on 12/1/09)		$\checkmark$		100%
Childless adults				
Children		~		Standard match rate
Medically frail			✓	100%
Hospice patients			·	100%
PRIVATE INSURANCE THROUGH EXCHANGE (QHPs)	✓			100% of subsidies
Subsidized				plus consumer cost-share
Not subsidized	✓			0%

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#### Governance

- Role of Medicaid Agency
- Role of Insurance Agency
- Operations
  - What current functions of Medicaid Agency move to/ contract with the Exchange?
  - What current functions of Insurance Agency move to/ contract with the Exchange?



#### Financing the Exchange Infrastructure

Funding Opportunities	Amount	Dates	Description	Planning and Development	Operations
Planning Grant	\$49 million in grants to 49 States	Awarded on 9/30/10	Exchange research and planning	~	
Innovator Grant	\$241 million awarded to 12 states	Awarded on 2/16/11	Development of cutting-edge technologies and models for insurance eligibility and enrollment	V	
Establishment Grant	Will vary according to States' needs and progress	Level 1 due by 12/30/11 Level 2 due by 6/29/12	Development and implementation of Exchange operations	~	✓
FMAP for Eligibility and Enrollment Development	90% Federal Financial Participation (FFP)	Through the end of 2015	Design, development and installation or enhancement of eligibility determination systems.	~	
FMAP for Eligibility and Enrollment Maintenance	75% FFP	After 2015 (available prior to 12/31/15 for systems in compliance with new rules)	Maintain and operate eligibility determination systems that comply with federal standards for integrated eligibility systems		✓
Medicaid Administration	50% FFP	Available continuously	Build, maintain and operate eligibility systems that do not meet standards necessary for enhanced matching funds	~	✓

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