



The Supreme Court's Decision: What's Next for Health Reform & States

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Significance of Supreme Court Ruling

- “The Link” between market reforms and coverage requirement upheld
- Important foundation given states’ experience

Exchange development

**Essential health benefit
benchmark plan selection**

Medicaid expansion

States in best position to run
Exchanges

Maximize choice and competition;
and avoid duplicative regulations

Data and IT standards and
processes should be uniform



Essential Health Benefits: Affordability is Key

“...if cost is not taken into account, the EHB package becomes increasingly expensive and, individuals and small businesses will find it increasingly unaffordable.”

- IOM Report—Essential Health Benefits: Balancing Coverage and Cost. October 7, 2011

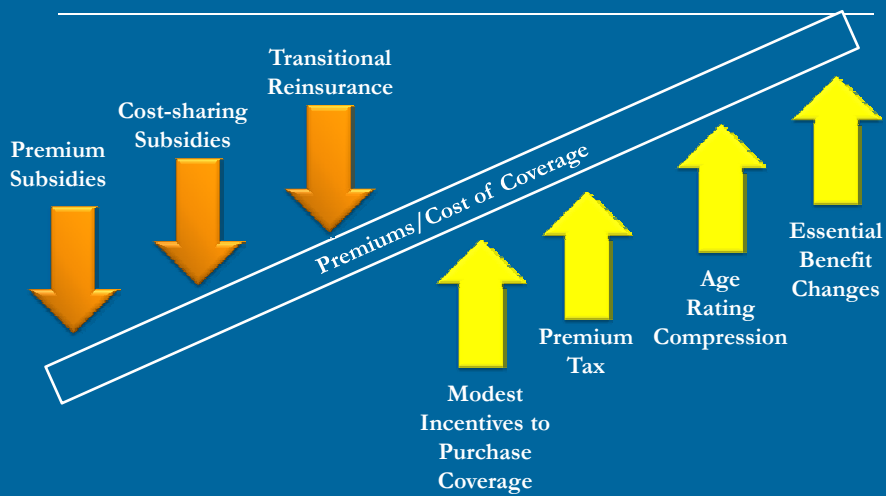


Medicaid Health Plans: Higher Quality and Better Value

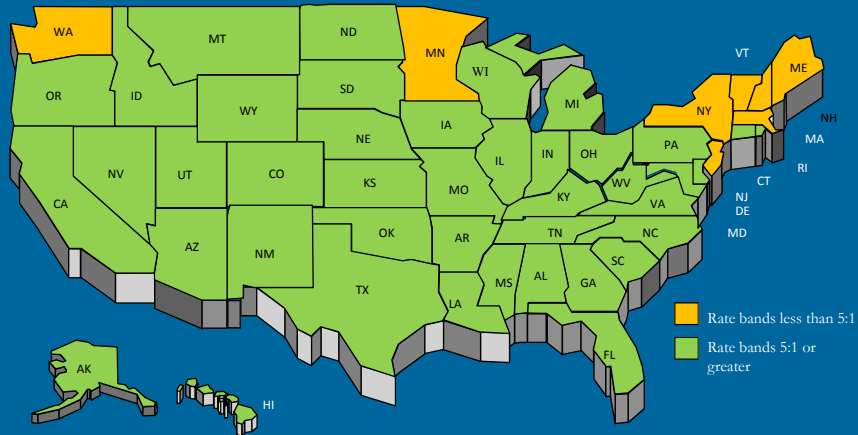
- Proven track record of outperforming state FFS programs on quality measures
- Strong alternative to help states handle budget pressures

The ACA and Affordability

ACA Implementation: Interaction of 2014 Provisions



Age-Rating Compression: Impact on Younger Individuals in 42 States



Health Plans Are Focused on Affordability for Families, Individuals and Businesses



“As the reform law is implemented, health plans will continue to focus on promoting affordability and peace of mind for their beneficiaries. The law expands coverage to millions of Americans, a goal health plans have long supported, but major provisions, such as the premium tax, will have the unintended consequences of raising costs and disrupting coverage unless they are addressed.”

- AHIP Statement on Supreme Court decision, June 28, 2012

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