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# **Summit on Health Care Coverage and Access for Musicians**

**A Practical Overview of the ACA**

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# Presentation Overview: **The Affordable Care Act**

**Past**



**Present**







# Presentation Overview: **The Affordable Care Act**

**Future?**







# Why Was the ACA Needed?

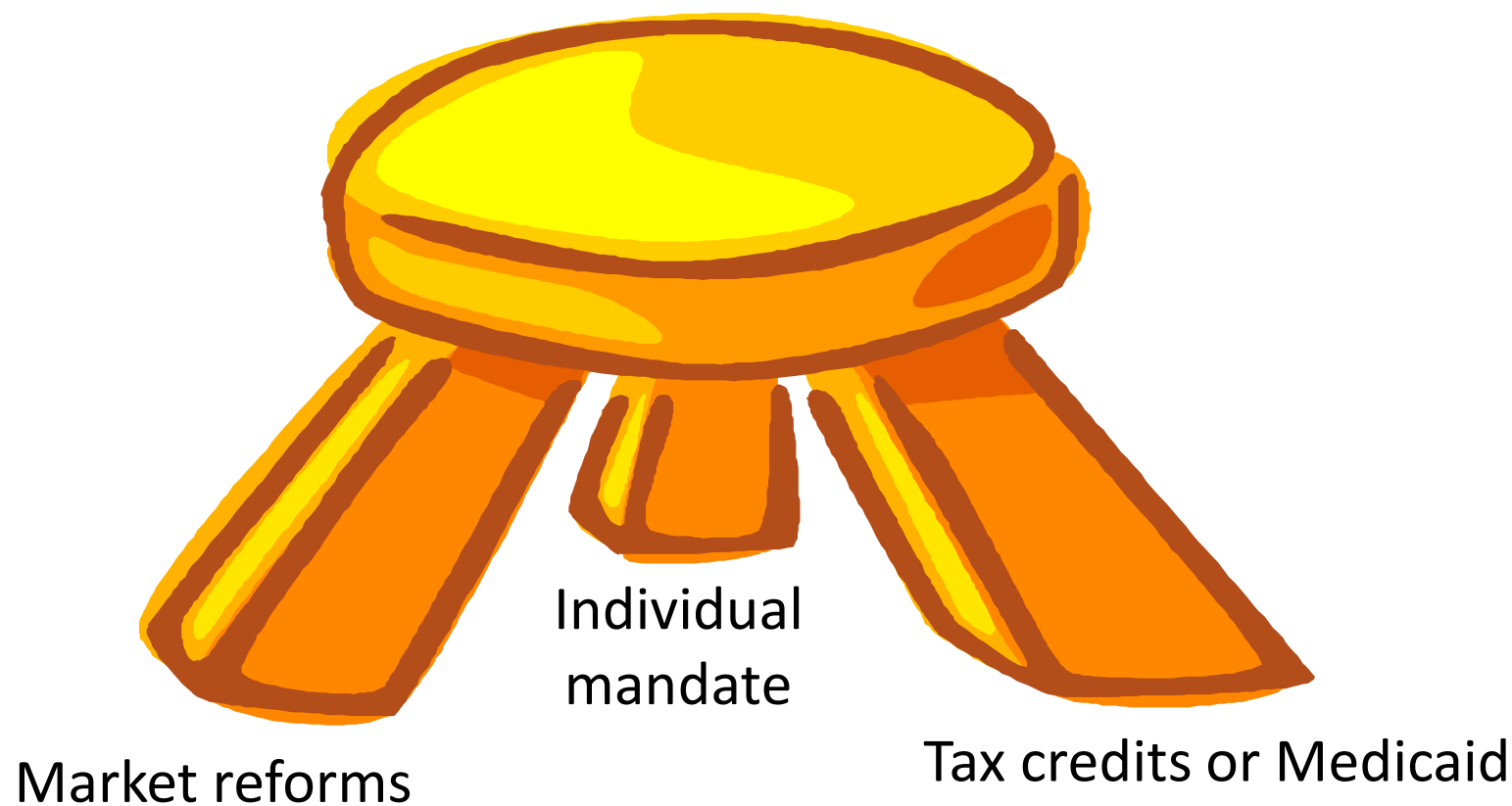
- 48 million uninsured Americans
- Widespread discrimination based on health status
- Skimpy coverage







# ACA: What Reforms?







# What Reforms? Insurance Reform

## Key Concepts

- Guaranteed issue and renewal
- Limits on health status, gender, age rating
- Pre-existing condition exclusions
- Essential health benefits
- Out-of-pocket maximum
- Preventive benefits





# What Reforms? Marketplace Basics

- Health Insurance Marketplace (aka Exchange)
- Compare private insurance plans based on price, benefits, quality, and other features
- Most people get a break on costs
  - Premium tax credits
  - Cost-sharing reductions (CSRs)
- Goal: “No wrong door” for Medicaid and CHIP
- Must sign up during open enrollment period





# What Reforms? Tax Credit Basics

- “Advanceable Premium Tax Credits”
  - Must be: between 100-400% FPL
  - Cannot have another offer of coverage
  - Cannot be undocumented
- Sliding scale subsidies based on income
- “Cost sharing reduction” subsidies
  - Must be: between 100-250% FPL
  - Must purchase a silver-level health plan
  - Cost-sharing reductions (CSRs)
- If income or other circumstances change, must report it
- If paid too much, must pay it back to IRS





# ACA's Present: On its 9<sup>th</sup> Life?



- 20M new people insured, BUT risks on the horizon
  - Individual mandate penalty repeal
  - Texas, Trump lawsuit to strike down ACA
  - Alternative plans
  - Reduced consumer assistance





# ACA's Present: 2020

## Surprising resiliency

- Steady enrollment: 11M
- Premiums moderating (but still too high)
- 87% receive subsidies
- BUT:
  - 8.5% are uninsured (up from 7.9% in 2017)



# Medicaid plays a central role in our health care system.

Health Insurance Coverage  
For 1 in 5 Americans



Assistance to 10 million  
Medicare Beneficiaries



> 50% Long-Term Care  
Financing



**MEDICAID**

Support for Health Care System  
and Safety-Net



State Capacity to Address Health  
Challenges





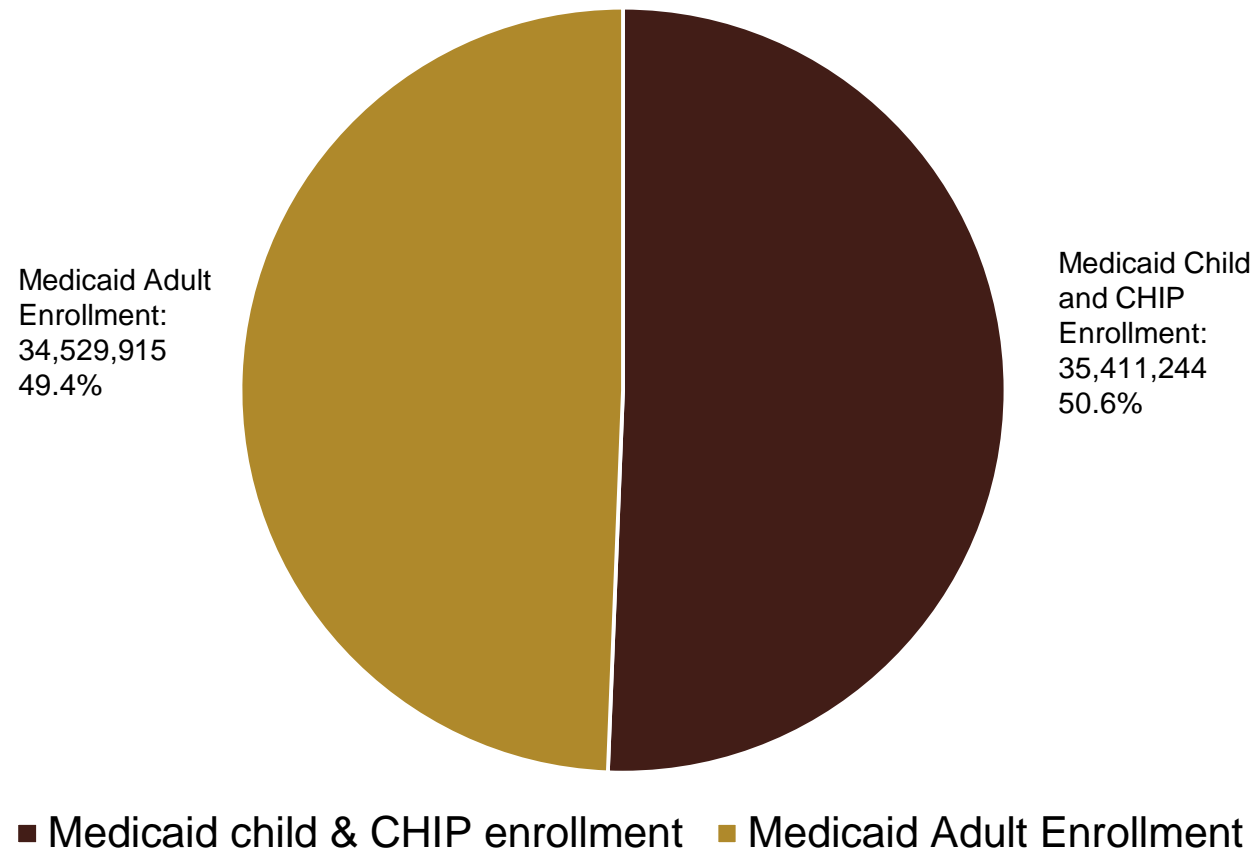


# Children's Coverage



# Half of Medicaid Enrollees are Children

## Medicaid and CHIP Total Enrollment in June 2018



■ Medicaid child & CHIP enrollment ■ Medicaid Adult Enrollment

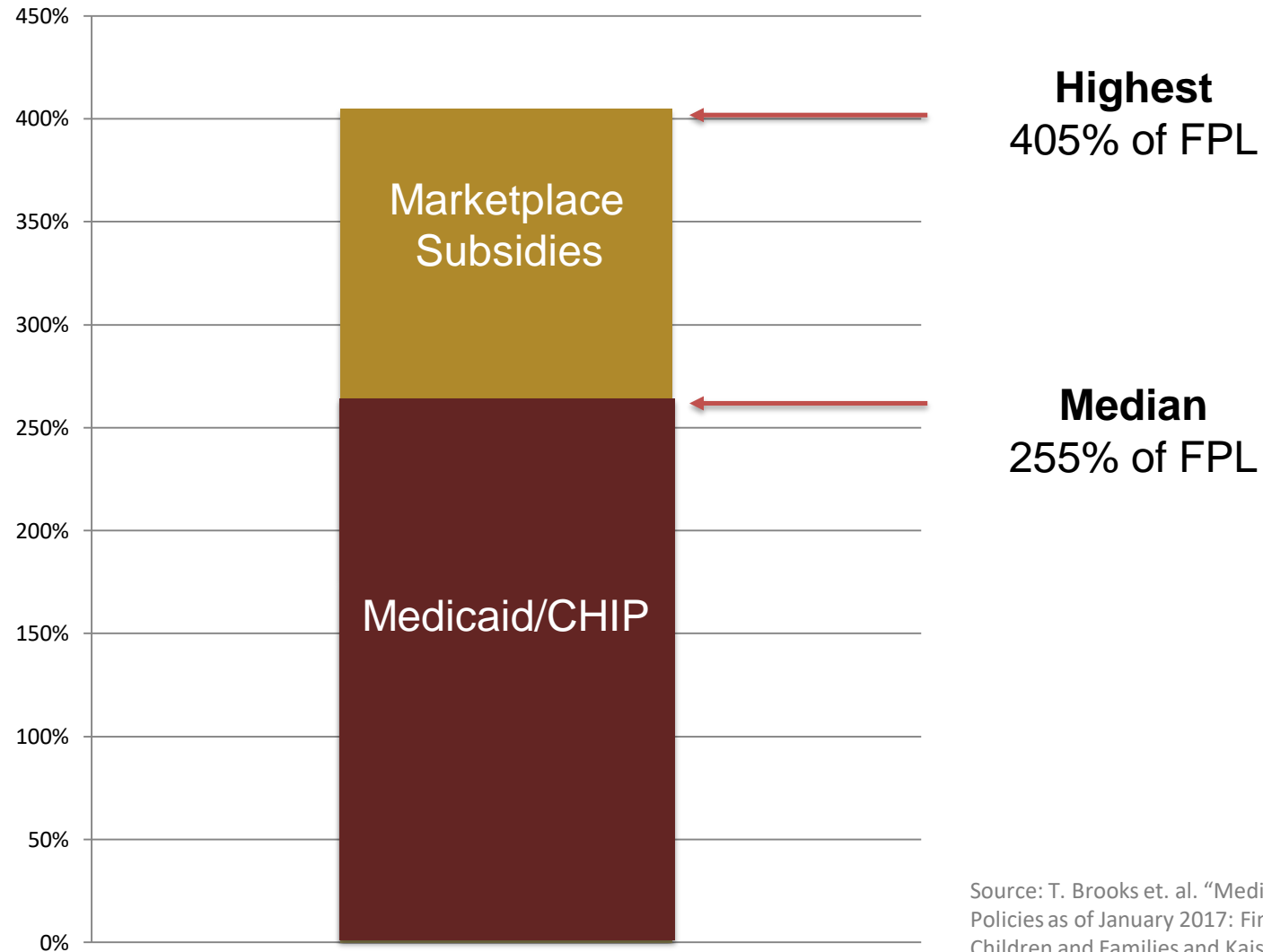
Source: Medicaid Child & CHIP Total Enrollment in June 2018, <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-information/medicaid-and-chip-enrollment-data/report-highlights/child-and-chip-enrollment/index.html>.

Note: Arizona, the District of Columbia, and Tennessee are excluded because they did not submit child enrollment data for the current period.





# Children's Upper Income Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility



Source: T. Brooks et. al. "Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility, Enrollment, Renewal, and Cost Sharing Policies as of January 2017: Findings from a 50-State Survey." Georgetown University Center for Children and Families and Kaiser Family Foundation. January 2017.



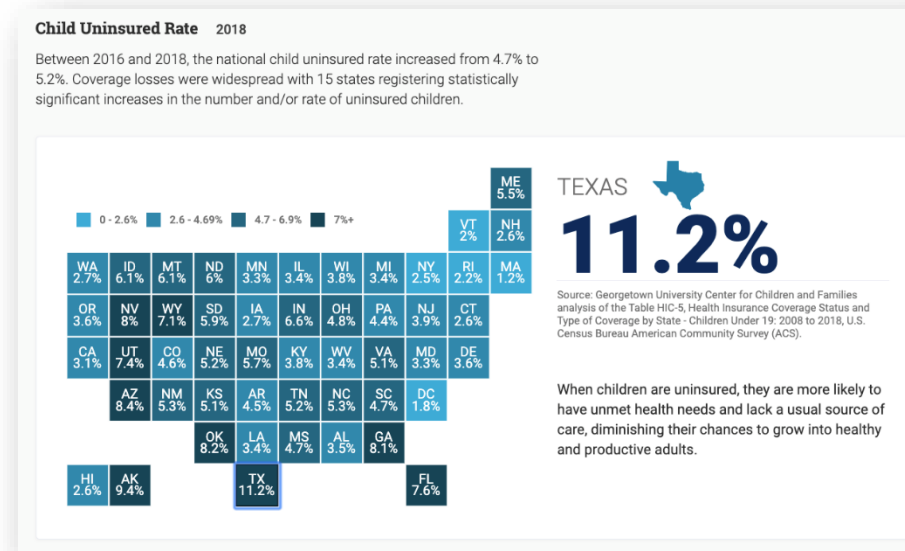




# The Children's Health Care Report Card

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# Medicaid/Marketplace work together

- Medicaid expansion for parents and adults without dependent children up to 138% of the poverty line; above that APTC kicks in
- You cannot be eligible for both
- In States with no expansion, people between 100-138% FPL can get APTC; below the poverty line there is a coverage gap





Supreme Court ACA  
ruling effectively made  
Medicaid expansion  
optional.



Politics

## On health-care hearing's last day, Supreme Court weighs Medicaid expansion

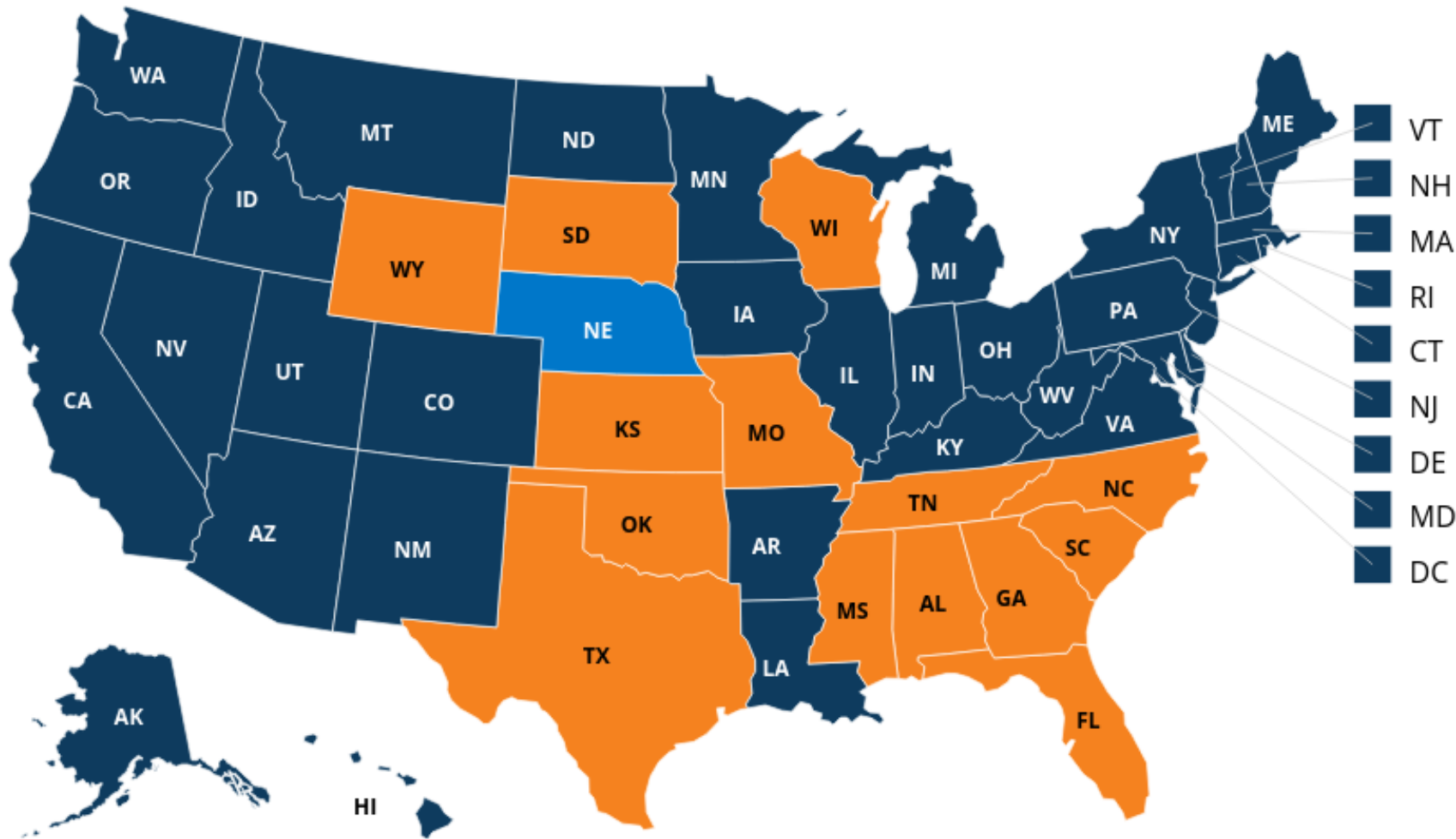


*Supreme Court Upholds Health Care Law, 5-4, in Victory for Obama*





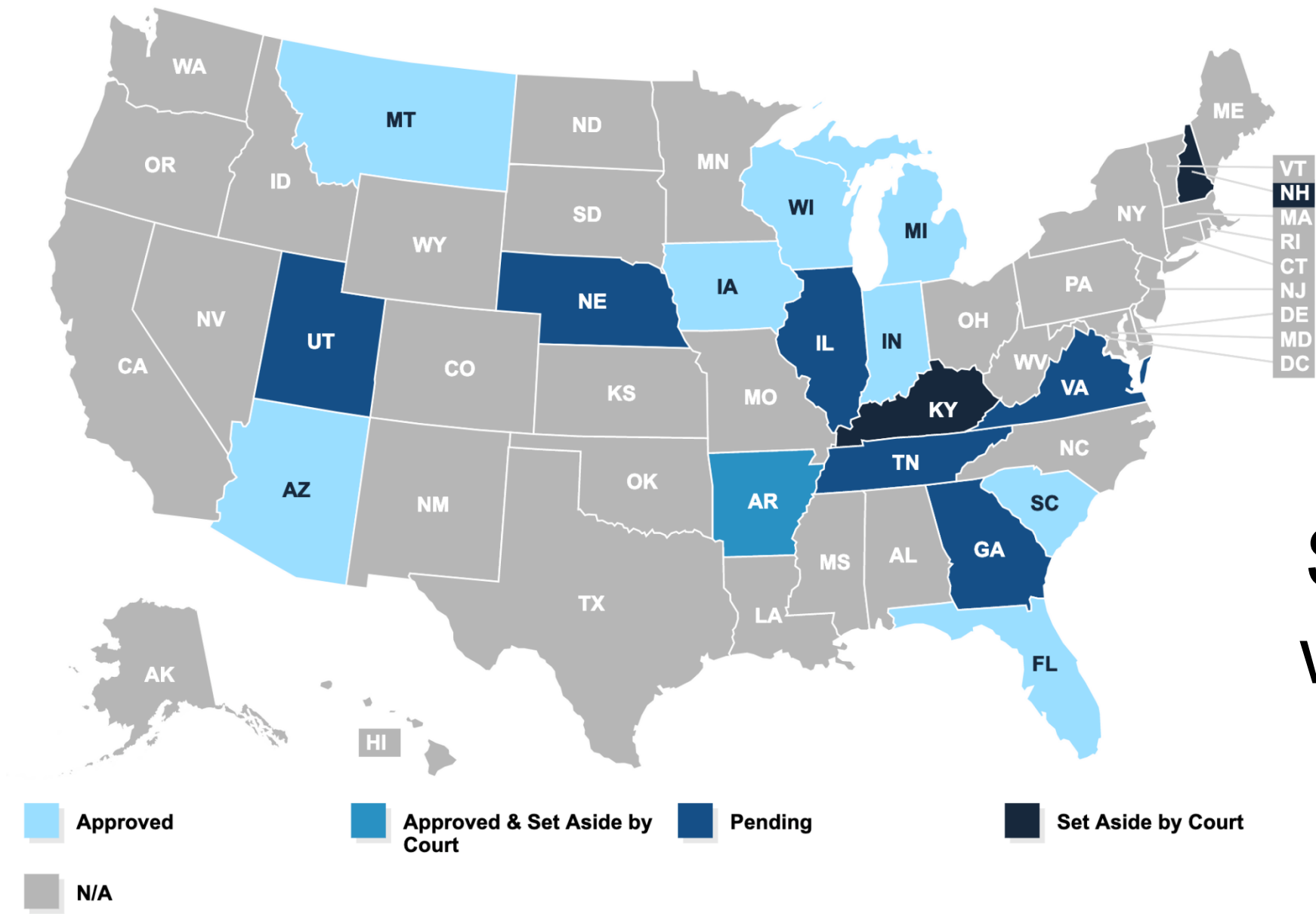
# Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision



To date, **37 states** (including DC) have adopted the Medicaid expansion and **14 states** have not adopted the expansion.







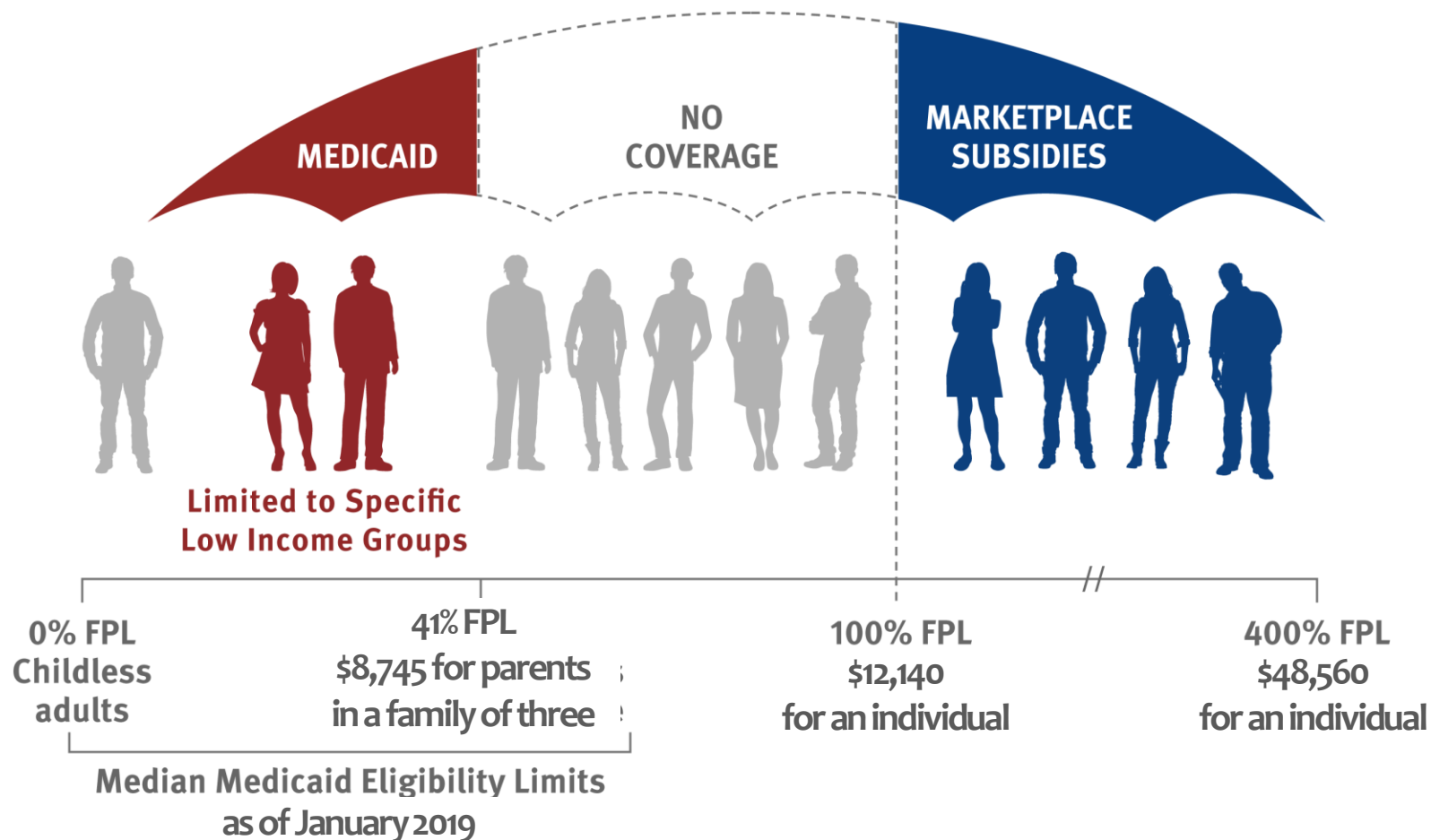
# Section 1115 waiver states

Source: KFF analysis of approved and pending waiver applications posted on Medicaid.gov.





# Gaps in coverage for adults remain in states that have not implemented the ACA Medicaid expansion.





# KEY DIFFERENCES



## MEDICAID

1. Limited copayments, deductibles, and no **premiums** (except in waiver states)
2. Open for **enrollment** year round.
3. Eligible for **retroactive coverage** for up to 3 months

vs

## MARKETPLACE

1. More **premiums**, cost-sharing measures, and deductibles.
2. Limited open **enrollment** and special **enrollment** periods for qualifying events.
3. No **retroactive coverage**.



# Future issues for Medicaid

## Section 1115 Waivers

- Work requirements
- Other eligibility/enrollment restrictions
- **Block Grants/Medicaid cuts**



## *Trump Administration Unveils a Major Shift in Medicaid*

States will be able to cap a portion of spending for the safety-net program, a change likely to diminish the number of people receiving health benefits through it.



Seema Verma, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator, center, and administration officials had been seeking to limit the open-ended federal funding that the Medicaid statute requires for months. Alex Wong/Getty Images

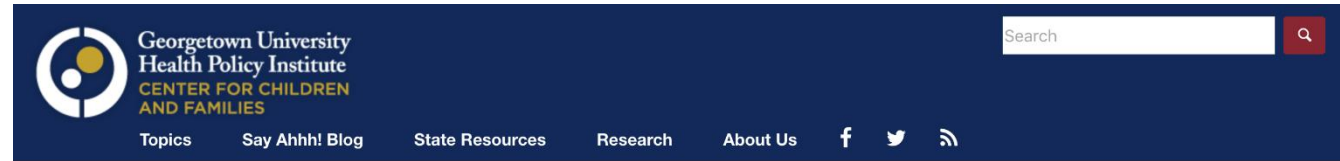


# President's Budget Cuts Medicaid

Proposal would cut federal Medicaid spending by ~\$1 trillion, or 16% over the next 10 years.

It includes (among other things)

- Block grants
- Mandatory work requirements



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**Administration's Budget Proposal Includes  
At Least \$1 Trillion in Medicaid Cuts**



February 12, 2020 • Andy Schneider







# ACA's Future: Issues to Watch

## Short-term

- **Alternative plans**
- **TX v. U.S.**
- **Rising deductibles**

## Long-term

- **Widening state differences**
- **More government OR**
- **More de-regulation?**
- **Future of employer coverage?**





# ACA Lawsuit: Texas v. U.S.

- Current status
- What's at stake
- Federal, state options







# Alternative Plans: Consumer Risks

- **Short-term plans**
- **Fixed indemnity plans**
- **Health care sharing ministries**







# 2020 and Beyond

Medicare for all?



More deregulation?







# Questions?



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