



Federal Health Care Reform in New York State

Health Insurance Exchange Options

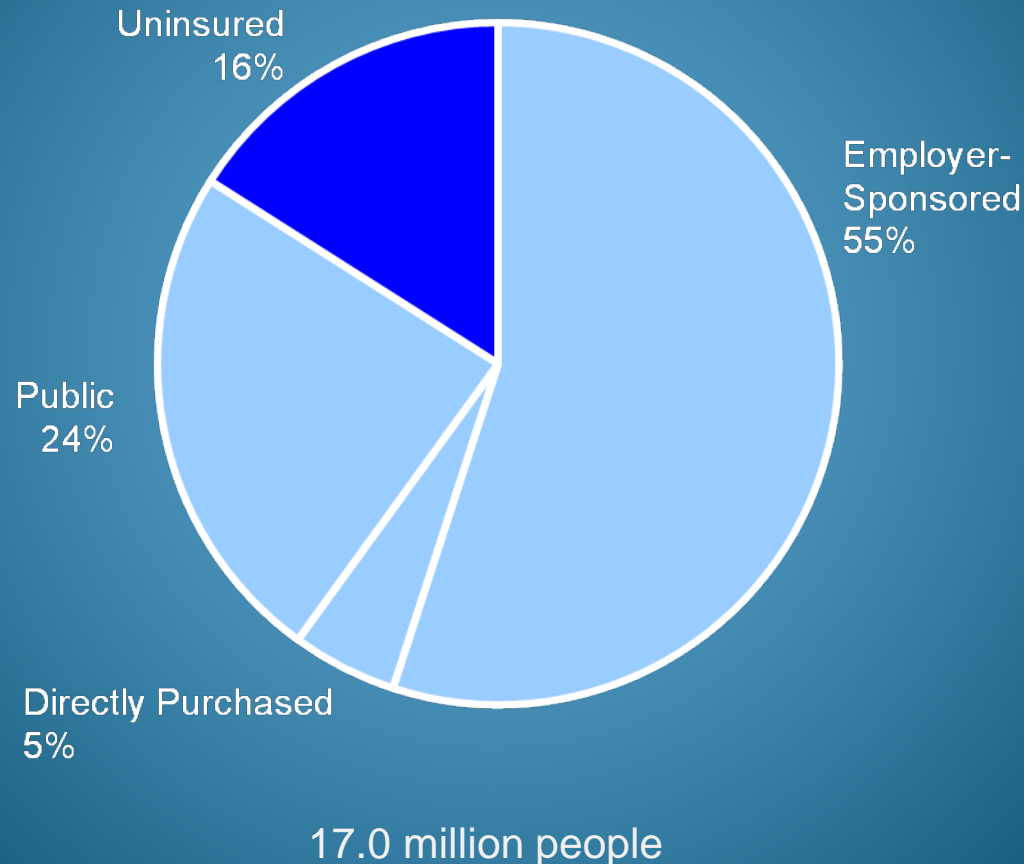
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Presentation Outline

- Overview of coverage in New York today
- Federal reforms implemented
- Health Insurance Exchange
 - Basics
 - Design questions

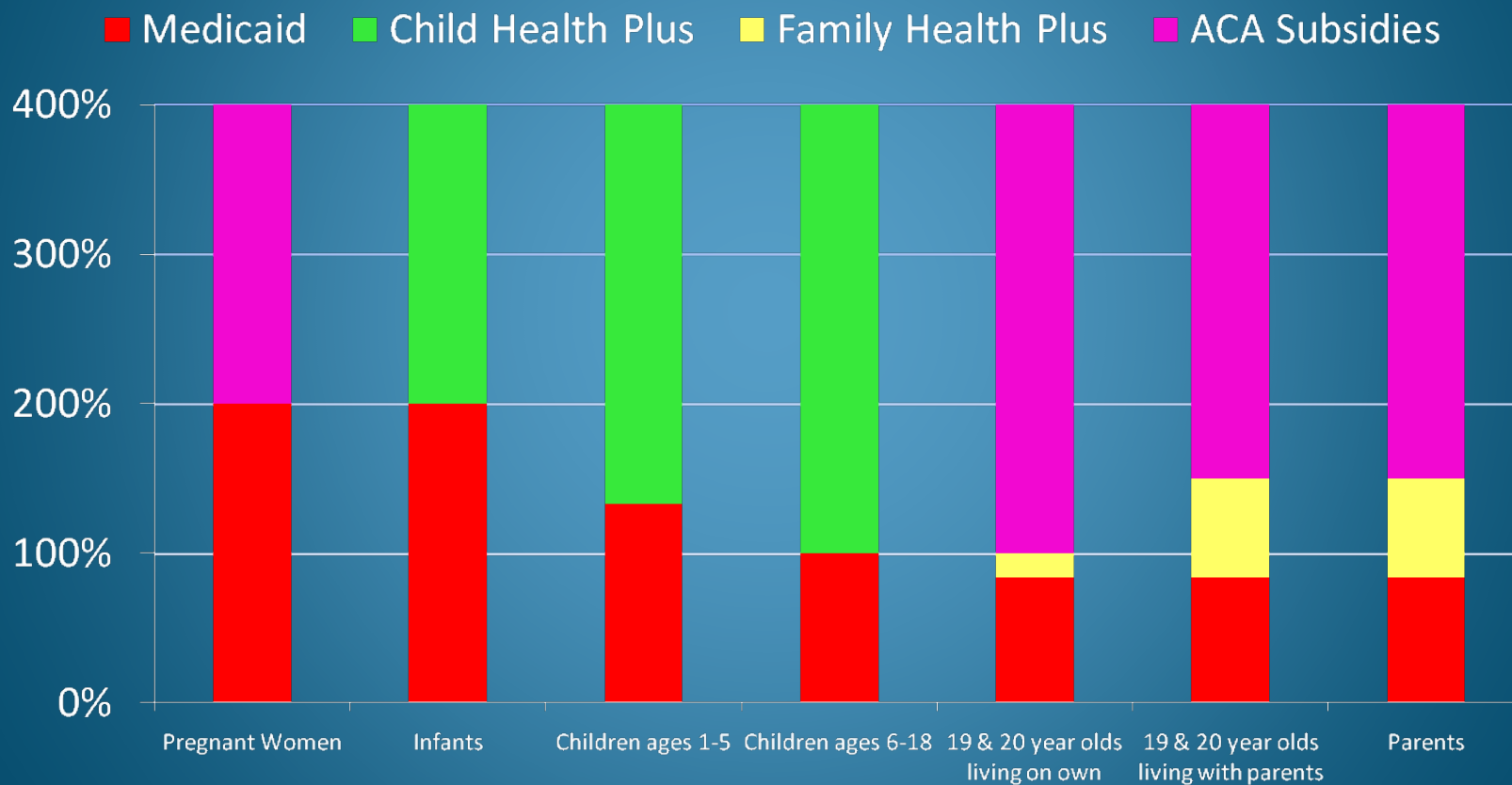
Distribution of Health Insurance Coverage, New York State, 2011



Note: Estimates include New York State residents under age 65.

Source: Urban Institute, Health Insurance Policy Simulation Model, Preliminary Estimates, May 2011

Public Program Eligibility for Children and Parents: Today and Under Health Reform



Note: 100 percent of the federal poverty level is \$10,890 for an individual and \$22,350 for a family of four.

Impact of Reform in New York

- Increased participation of 1 million uninsured New Yorkers who are eligible but not enrolled in public programs
- Another 1 million New Yorkers newly eligible through public coverage or subsidies
- Improvement in the way millions of New Yorkers obtain subsidized and unsubsidized coverage

Implemented Reforms

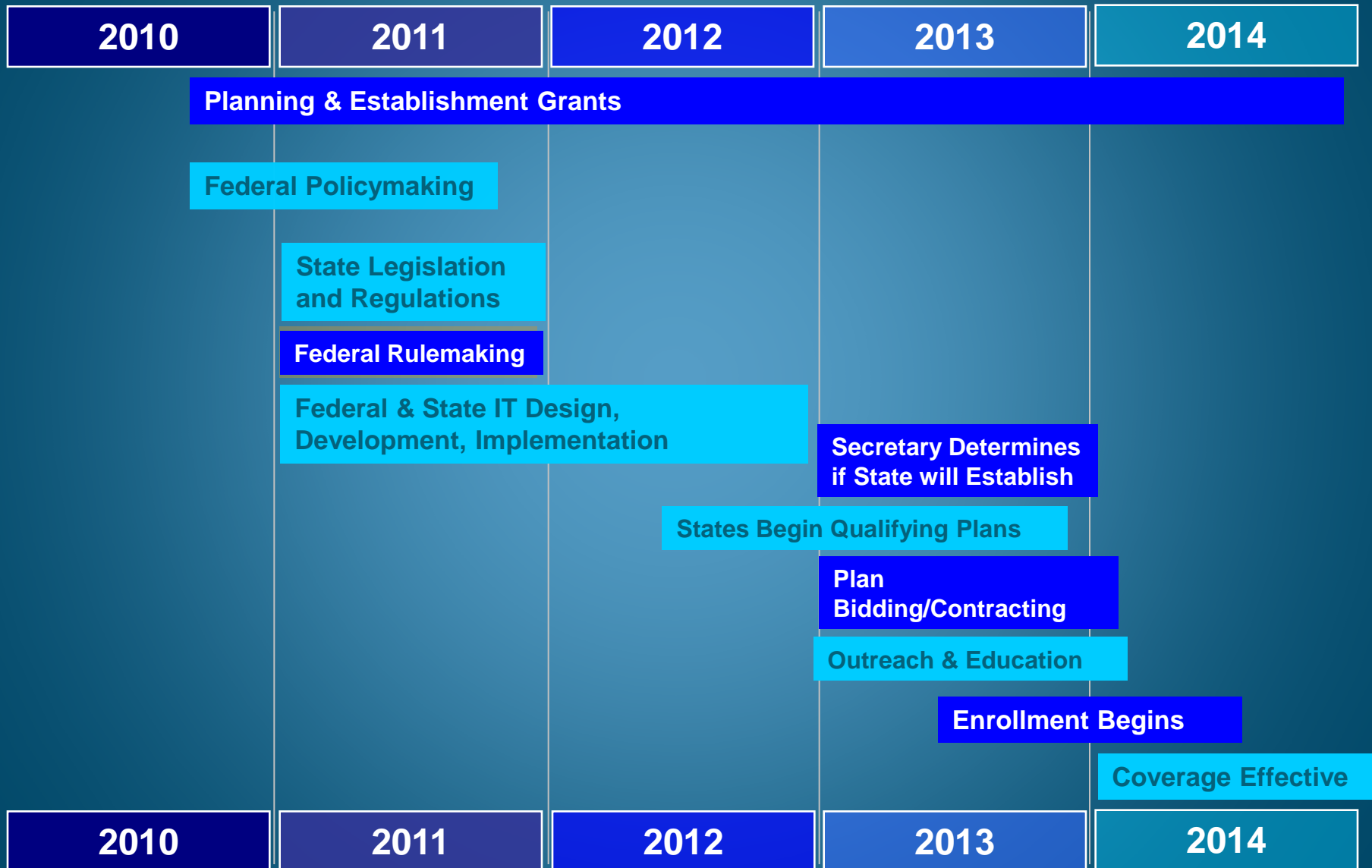
- Insurance Market Reforms
 - Changes that make insurance better for those with coverage
- New York Bridge Program
 - A new insurance plan for uninsured people with health conditions
- Consumer Assistance Program
 - A new program to help New Yorkers with health insurance questions

Health Insurance Exchange

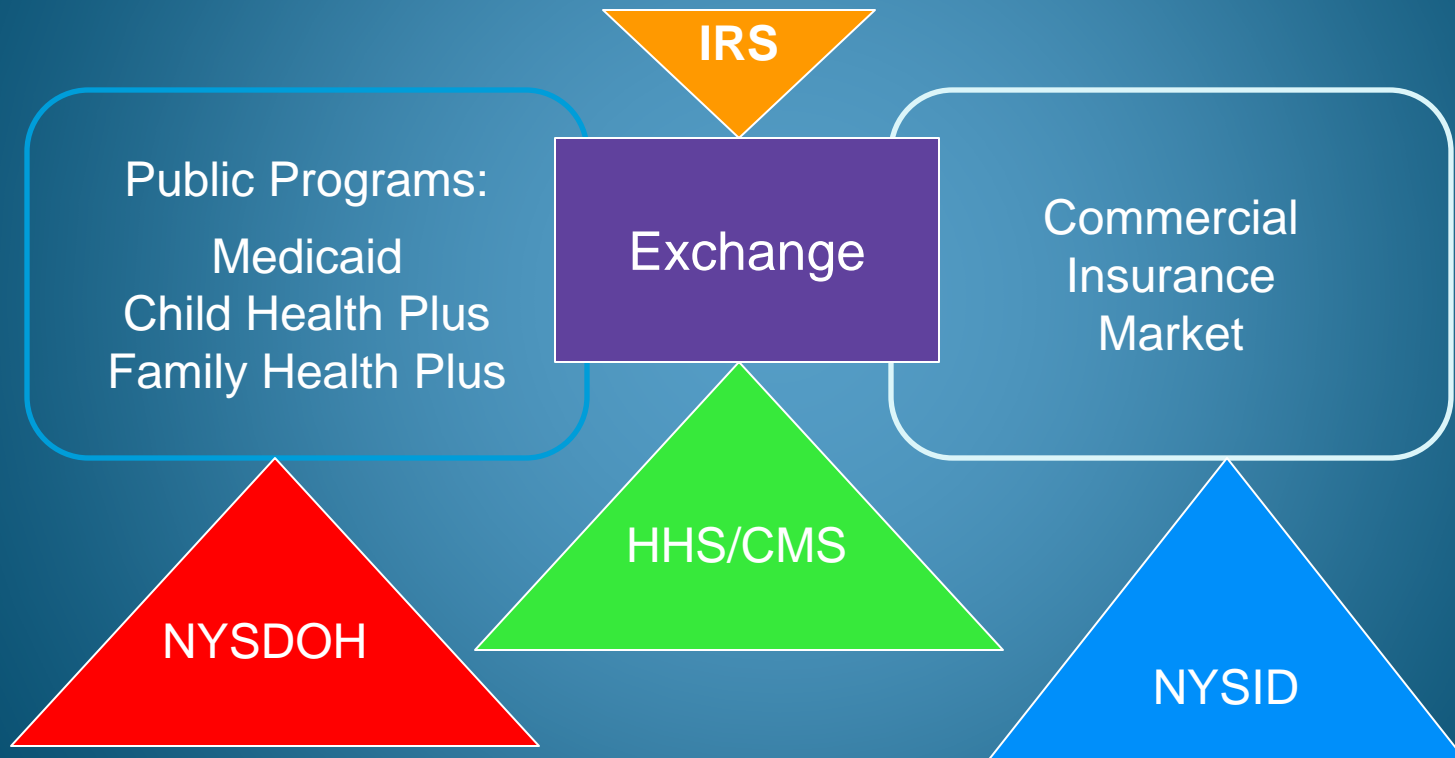
States must (or the federal government will) establish an Exchange for individuals small businesses by January 1, 2014

- New marketplace to purchase affordable, quality coverage
- Citizens and those “lawfully present” eligible to purchase
- Simplified comparison shopping
- Streamlined eligibility and enrollment processes

Exchange Timeline



Exchange Will Operate Within a Larger Environment



Health Insurance Exchange Principles

- It must promote affordable, comprehensive health insurance options
- It must be consumer-oriented
- It must be transparent and accountable
- It must work

Exchange Design Questions

- Should there be one statewide Exchange with adjustments for different regional conditions or do we need separate regional Exchanges?
- Should there be one combined Exchange for individuals and small businesses or separate Exchanges for each group?
- In determining premium cost, should the individual and small group markets be combined, spreading cost and risk over both groups?
- Should small businesses with more than 50 employees be allowed to participate?

Exchange Design Questions (contd)

- How many different plans should be offered so that consumers have real understandable choices that allow them to make informed choices? Are too many choices bad for consumers?
- How do we avoid having all people with greater health needs grouped in an expensive plan and healthy ones in another?
- How do we best use the purchasing power of the Exchange as a whole to reduce costs?

Additional Information

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