

# Now What? Consumer Advocacy and Health Reform After SCOTUS

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## OVERVIEW

- Focus of advocacy pre-SCOTUS
- Impact of SCOTUS
- The election and beyond
- What it means for consumer advocacy



## State Exchanges

- Must be up and running by January 1, 2014 – plan by Fall 2013
- Options
  - State Based Exchange (SBE)
  - Partnership
  - Federally Facilitated Exchange (FFE)



## Navigators and Consumer Assistance/Outreach

- People in Exchange likely to have barriers to getting coverage
- Navigators should:
  - Understand needs of vulnerable populations
  - Be culturally competent
  - Be community-based
  - Reflect diversity of state



## Delivery System Reform

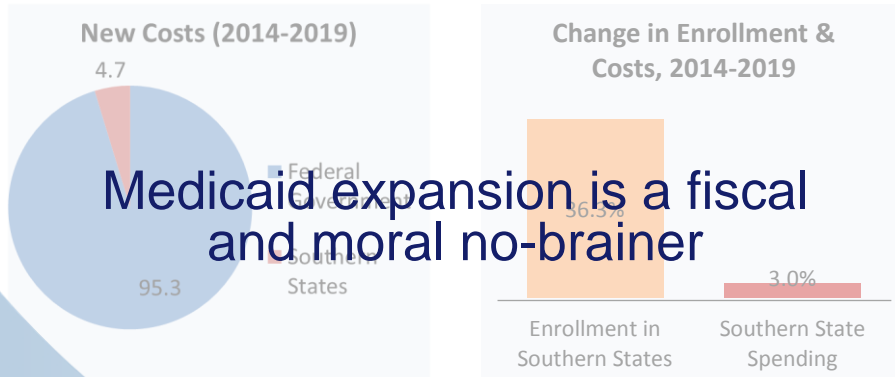
- Dual eligible demonstrations
- Medical homes
- Medicaid managed care
- Hospital payment (readmissions/complications)
- Prescription drugs



## Impact of SCOTUS



## The Good News

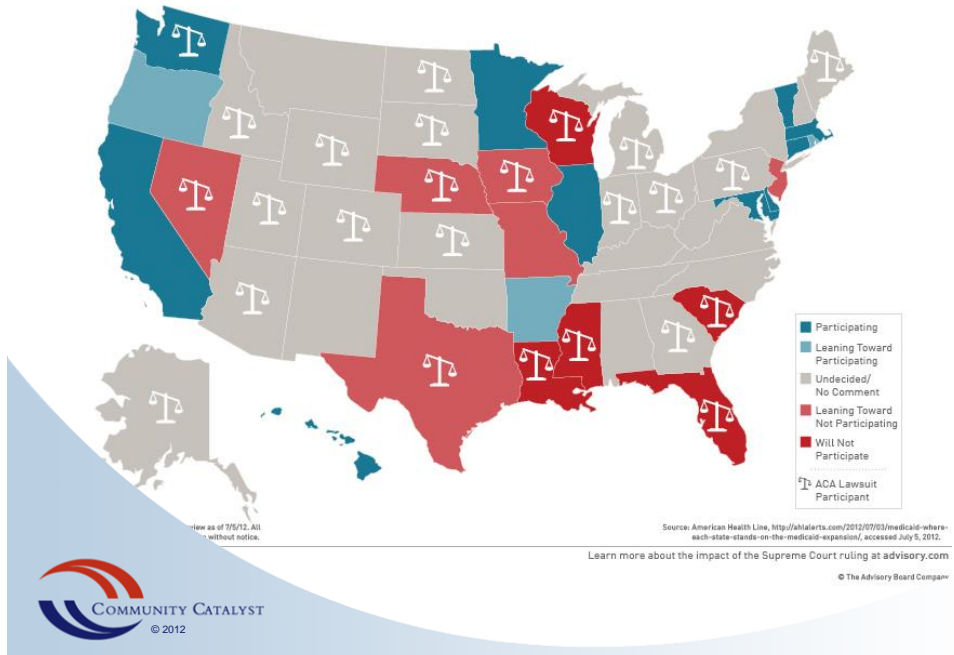


## The Bad News



## Initial Plans

What the States are Saying About ACA Medicaid Expansion



## Most Vulnerable at Risk

- Half of planned ACA coverage was Medicaid expansion under 133%
- In some places higher percentage of coverage expansion would be through Medicaid
- On population basis South is largest area of the country where expansion is in doubt

## More to Come?

Opponents contemplating lawsuit to block tax credits in federal Exchanges

- Creates anti-ACA political fuel
- Better political terrain for advocates



## Election Matters

- Is the threat of repeal real?

YES!

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## After the Election

- The fight goes on because...



## Lame Duck and Beyond

### The Perfect Storm of 2012/2013

- Bush tax cuts expire
- Super Committee sequester goes into effect
- Debt ceiling must be increased again
- Sustainable Growth Rate



## What does it all mean?

- Taking up the Medicaid expansion is job #1; needs to start now
- The election matters (in some places more than others)
- Assuming political status quo – big Medicare and Medicaid defense effort needed
- State and federal outcomes are linked



## State Advocacy Implications

### Positive Path breaker States Continue

- Addressing multiple aspects = system change
- Provide lessons for other states – political and policy
- Create momentum – political and policy





## State Advocacy Implications

### High Need/Challenging Environments

- Medicaid expansion critical focus
- State-specific decision
- Federal fallback on Exchanges
- Requires investment in state campaigns



## State Advocacy Implications

### All States

- Delivery system reform takes on increasing importance
- Organizing and outreach
- Stakeholder alliances
- Must fully engage at the state and federal level



## Funder Implications

- Continue support for creation of positive examples
- New investment needed to effectuate Medicaid expansion in states
- Coordinated national Medicaid defense
- Payment and delivery reform key element of sustainability



# QUESTIONS?



# Thank You

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