

**The Affordable Care Act and
Public Health in NYS:
Health Benefits,
Medicaid Expansion,
and the Prevention Agenda**

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A Plan to Transform the Empire State's Medicaid Program

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Key Elements of MRT



- Most sweeping Medicaid reform plan in state history.
- Pulls together the work of the MRT into a single action plan.
- Plan is closely tied to successful implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act.
- The plan also embraces the CMS "triple aim" of: *improving quality, improving health, and reducing costs.*


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<p>Care Management for All</p> <p>Eliminate FFS and replace with fully integrated care plans which are qualified to meet the needs of all Medicaid patients.</p>	<p>Health Homes</p> <p>Create special care coordination organizations tailored to the needs of up to one million of the most challenging and highest cost.</p>
<p>Universal Access to High Quality Primary Care</p> <p>Expand the Patient Centered Medical Home program to virtually all Medicaid members within five years.</p>	<p>Improve Behavioral Health</p> <p>Implement new care delivery systems for Medicaid's most complex behavioral health patients including children.</p>
<p>Interoperable EHR for All New Yorkers</p> <p>Use all the tools at the state's disposal to expand EHR access and interoperability.</p>	

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MRT Waiver Amendment

The Path Forward

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What is an 1115 Waiver?

- Agreement between state and federal government
- Allows greater flexibility to administer the program and invest savings in:
 - innovations that improve care
 - increase efficiency
 - reduce costs
- Usually approved for a five-year period
- Must be "budget neutral"

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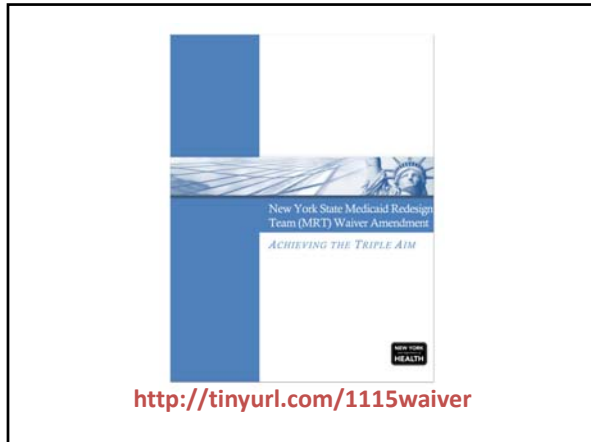
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Primary Strategies for Improving Health

<p>SUPPORTIVE HOUSING</p> <p>New York will lead the nation in using supportive housing as a vital service to improve patient outcomes and lower program costs.</p>
<p>FIGHTING DISPARITIES</p> <p>New strategies, including investments to address health disparities. Language translation and better data tracking – we can't fix what we don't understand</p>
<p>BENEFIT REDESIGN</p> <p>Redesigning the Medicaid benefit to focus on ensuring that cost effective health care is provided. Add coverage that improves health and lowers costs (expansion in smoking cessation coverage) and eliminating coverage for which there is no evidence its effective (expensive lower back treatments when less costly and proven therapies exist)</p>

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**Prevention Agenda 2013-2017:
New York State's Health Improvement Plan**

- Social determinants of health
- Prevention and wellness
- Eradicate health disparities along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines

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Preventing Illness and Promoting Health

- Since 2010, New York has received \$62 million in grants from the Prevention and Public Health Fund created by the Affordable Care Act.
- Fund was created to support effective policies in New York, its communities, and nationwide so that all Americans can lead longer, more productive lives.

Community Prevention (\$13,710,000)

Funding supports prevention activities proven to reduce health care costs and improve healthy behaviors.

- Community and State Prevention (\$13,560,000).
- Tobacco Use Prevention (\$150,000).

Clinical Prevention (\$10,686,000)

- Funding supports programs to improve Americans' access to important preventive services and the full range of care necessary to meet diverse healthcare needs.
- Access to Critical Wellness and Preventive Health Services (\$3,424,000).
- Behavioral Health Screening and Integration with Primary Health (\$4,690,000).
- HIV/AIDS Prevention (\$2,572,000).

Public Health Infrastructure and Training (\$32,490,000)

These efforts help State and local health departments meet 21st century challenges.

- Public Health Workforce (\$24,768,000).
- Detection and Response Capacity (\$3,669,000).
- Public Health Infrastructure (\$4,053,000).

Research and Data Collection (\$5,158,000)

Funds support the scientific study of prevention to better understand how to translate research into practice.

- Prevention Research (\$2,959,000).
- Health Care Data Analysis and Planning (\$2,199,000).

Why is the Waiver Important?



- Would be one of the largest waivers in history approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Unique opportunity to bend the cost curve for New York's health care system.
- Positions New York to lead the nation in Medicaid reform and in Affordable Care Act implementation.

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Medicaid Supportive Housing

\$750 million over the next five years

- This new program will expand access to supportive housing for high needs/high Medicaid cost members.
- Social determinants of health are paramount.
- Supportive housing will bend the Medicaid cost curve.
- Housing projects will target health home eligible Medicaid members with complex health conditions.

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Public Health Innovation

\$395.3 million over the next five years

- Comprehensive initiatives to improve maternal and child health in NYS:
 - Emphasis on racial and ethnic minorities
 - Include statewide expansion of the successful Nurse-Family Partnership program.
- Expand Medicaid coverage of Primary and Secondary Community-Based Chronic Disease Preventive Services including:
 - Medicaid coverage of home visits for environmental assessments
 - Coverage of pre-diabetes screening
 - Interventions to prevent progression to diabetes.
- Medicaid Support of Water Fluoridation.
- Address health care acquired infections and prevent sepsis.

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Health Home Development

\$525 million over the next five years

- NYS continues to be the nation's leader in Health Home development.
- Health Homes are like accountable care organizations for very high need/high cost Medicaid and Medicare members.
- **GOAL** = Cost-effective Health Homes in all areas of the state.

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Prevention Agenda 2013-2017 Goals

1. Improve the health status of all New Yorkers.
2. Advance a "Health in All Policies" approach in New York State.
3. Strengthen governmental and non-governmental public health infrastructure.
4. Create and strengthen sustainable public-private and multi-sector partnerships.
5. Further strengthen and promote the case for investment in prevention and public health.

New Priority Areas

- Prevent Chronic Diseases
- Promote a Healthy and Safe Environment
- Promote Healthy Women, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children
- Promote Mental Health and Prevent Substance Abuse
- Prevent HIV, STIs and Vaccine Preventable Diseases

For More Information on New York State's Prevention Agenda

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Health in All Policies



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New York's Uninsured: Who Are They

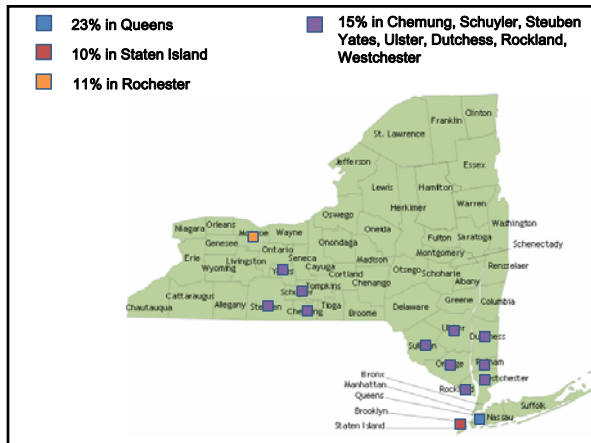
- 16% of New Yorkers under age 65 are uninsured
- OR
- 2.7 million New Yorkers are uninsured



New York's Uninsured: The Details

- Working people
- Dependents
- 85% with income below 400% of FPL
- Racial and ethnic minorities

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Costs of Uninsured Populations

- Uninsured:
 - Forego necessary care
 - Receive half the medical care as insured
 - Increased risk of mortality
 - Suffer 45,000 excess deaths annually



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Costs of Uninsured Populations

- Taxpayers:
 - Spend \$1.2 billion in 2012-2013 (Federal, State, Local)
 - \$600 million State and Local
 - Families pay \$800/year in excess premiums



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Why Health Care Reform?

- 1 Million New Yorkers gain coverage
- Reduce the number of uninsured
- Address the high cost of insurance



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What is an Exchange?

- Organized marketplace
- Apply for coverage
- Compare options
- Qualify for tax credits
- Enroll in a plan
- Individual Exchange: Individuals buy coverage
- Employer Exchange: Small Business Health Options (SHOP)

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Who Will Obtain Coverage?

- > 1 Million Uninsured
- 615,000 in Individual Exchange
- 450,000 in SHOP Exchange
- 75,000 people gaining Medicaid eligibility
 - 513,000 will enroll in Medicaid

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Costs Before Reform

- 2011 Monthly Costs
- \$1270/individual
- \$3450/ family
- \$490/ individual plan for small business
- \$1300 family plan for small business
- Nearly 800,000 New Yorkers lost employer sponsored coverage

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Making It Easier

- Health care premiums will decline for individuals
- Employers able to buy coverage at a lower cost
- Low and moderate income individuals receive tax credits and subsidies

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Purchasing at the Exchange

- Single point of entry
- Enroll through website, telephone or in person
- Give employers more flexibility



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Economic Benefits to NY

- Taxpayer dollars for indigent pools decrease
- Small businesses able to offer insurance
 - Attract and retain healthy workforce
 - Grow and create jobs
- Taxpayers save \$2.3 billion/annually in Medicaid costs
- Federal government contributing to pay for system

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NYS Operating its Own Exchange

- Builds on existing insurance system
- NY makes decisions on benefits offered and health plans participating
- Preservation of patient and provider protections
- Residents able to hold State accountable

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Who Will Operate the Exchange

- New York State Department of Health
- Collaborate with other State Agencies
- Work closely with Medicaid Program

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- www.healthcarereform.ny.gov

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What's New

- 10/1/12: New York State formally submitted its Essential Health Benefits (EHB) benchmark plan selection to HHS today, selecting the state's largest small group plan. Please find details on the [Health Benefit Exchange site](#).
- 9/24/12: The final report on Essential Health Benefits (EHB) from Milliman, Inc is now posted on the [Health Benefit Exchange page](#). Additional information regarding this report, including public comments, is available on the [Timelines and Events page](#).
- 9/18/12: A proposal for the Health Benefit Exchange quality and customer satisfaction ratings display is posted on the [Health Benefit Exchange page](#). The Exchange invites public comment on this proposal. Comments can be submitted by email to exchange@health.state.ny.us by September 28, 2012.

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