The ACA Marketplaces and Coverage: Where Do We Stand?

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Status of the Marketplaces

• Marketplaces were widely viewed as stable or stabilizing in most states in early 2017.

• Marketplaces are still young: they need certainty to stabilize.

• CSR funding, enforcement of individual mandate, strong outreach and enrollment effort for 2018?

• 2018 premium increases will be greater than projected, fewer insurers are participating.
EXHIBIT 2

What is Stability?

• Affordable plans for people at all income levels.

• Steady and predictable enrollment growth.

• Balance of healthy and less healthy enrollees.

• Steady and predictable annual premium changes.

• Consistent participation by insurers.

EXHIBIT 3

Enrollment: Where Do We Stand on Coverage?

• 17-18 million people in individual market, including 10 million in marketplace plans.

• 15 million people gained Medicaid because of expansion.

• 28 million uninsured.

• The health of up to 60 million people dependent on the ACA.
Exhibit 4

At Least Half of Uninsured Adults Are Likely Eligible for Marketplace Subsidies or Medicaid

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Adults ages 19-64 who are uninsured

Notes: *Uninsured adults with an offer of an affordable employer plan would not be eligible for marketplace subsidies. **27 million uninsured adults. FPL refers to federal poverty level.


Exhibit 5

Outreach and enrollment assistance remain important

- 40 percent of uninsured adults were not aware of the marketplaces.

- 59 percent of uninsured adults who knew about the marketplaces said they hadn’t visited because they didn’t think they could afford a plan.

- 74 percent of uninsured adults who visited said they couldn’t find an affordable plan.

➢ Enrollment assistance matters: Adults who received personal assistance were more likely to enroll than those who didn’t.

EXHIBIT 6

Enrollees with subsidies view their costs as affordable

• 71 percent of lower income enrollees paid premiums equal to or less than adults in employer plans, but adults with higher incomes paid more.

• Lower income enrollees were more protected from premium increases than those with higher incomes.

• Lower income enrollees were more likely to view their premiums as affordable than those with higher incomes.

• Most lower income enrollees had lower deductibles than higher income enrollees.


EXHIBIT 7

Short and long term policy options for stability and greater coverage

• Short-term: Funding for CSRs, individual mandate enforcement, strong outreach and enrollment effort.

• Long term:
  • Tax credits and CSRs available to people with higher incomes.
  • Medicaid expansion in all states or tax credits for those eligible.
  • Reinsurance.
  • Fall-back plans for counties without insurers.