

# ACA 101

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Figure 1

The ACA aims to make insurance more available and affordable.

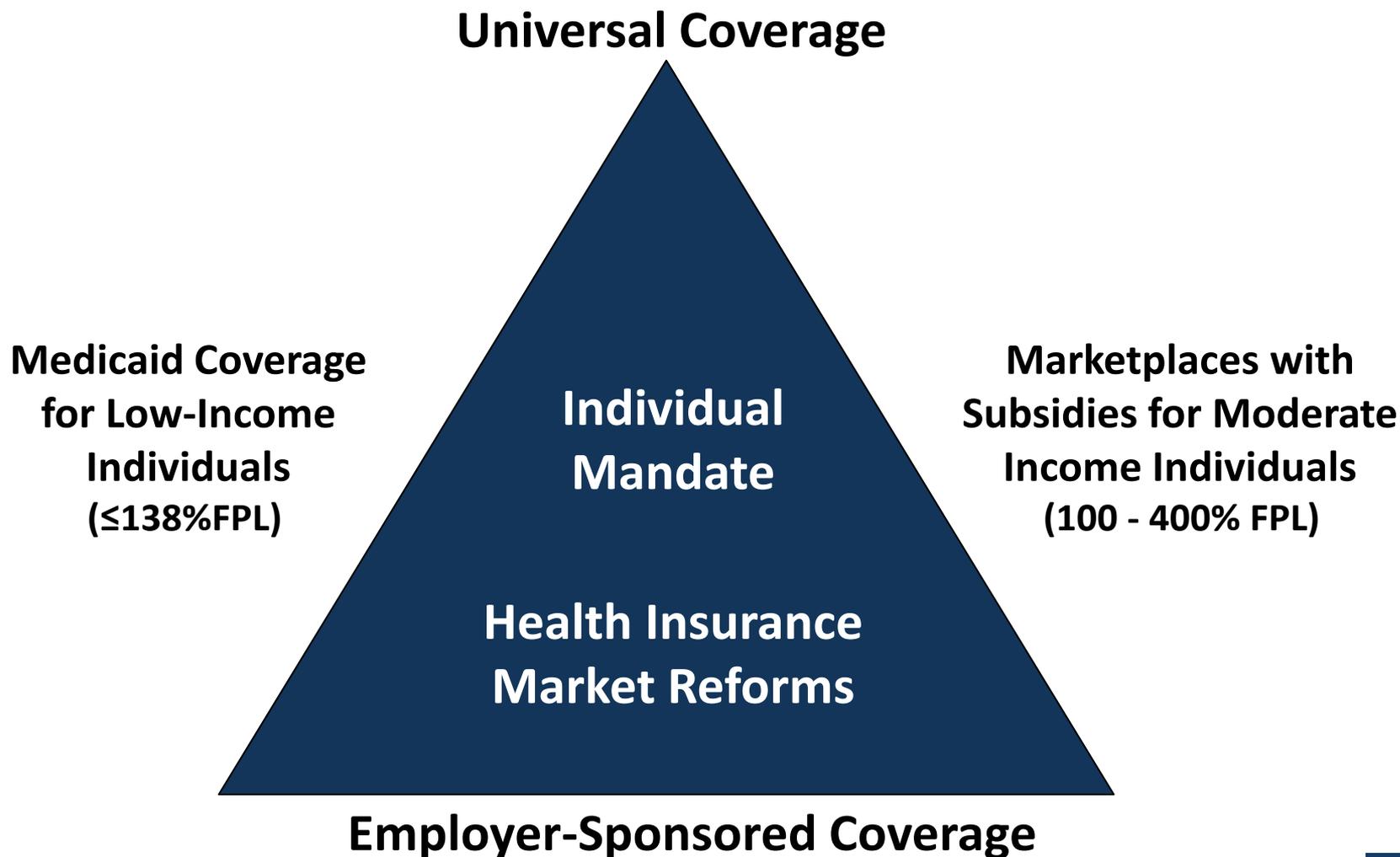




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# The ACA transforms the Medicaid program in many ways.

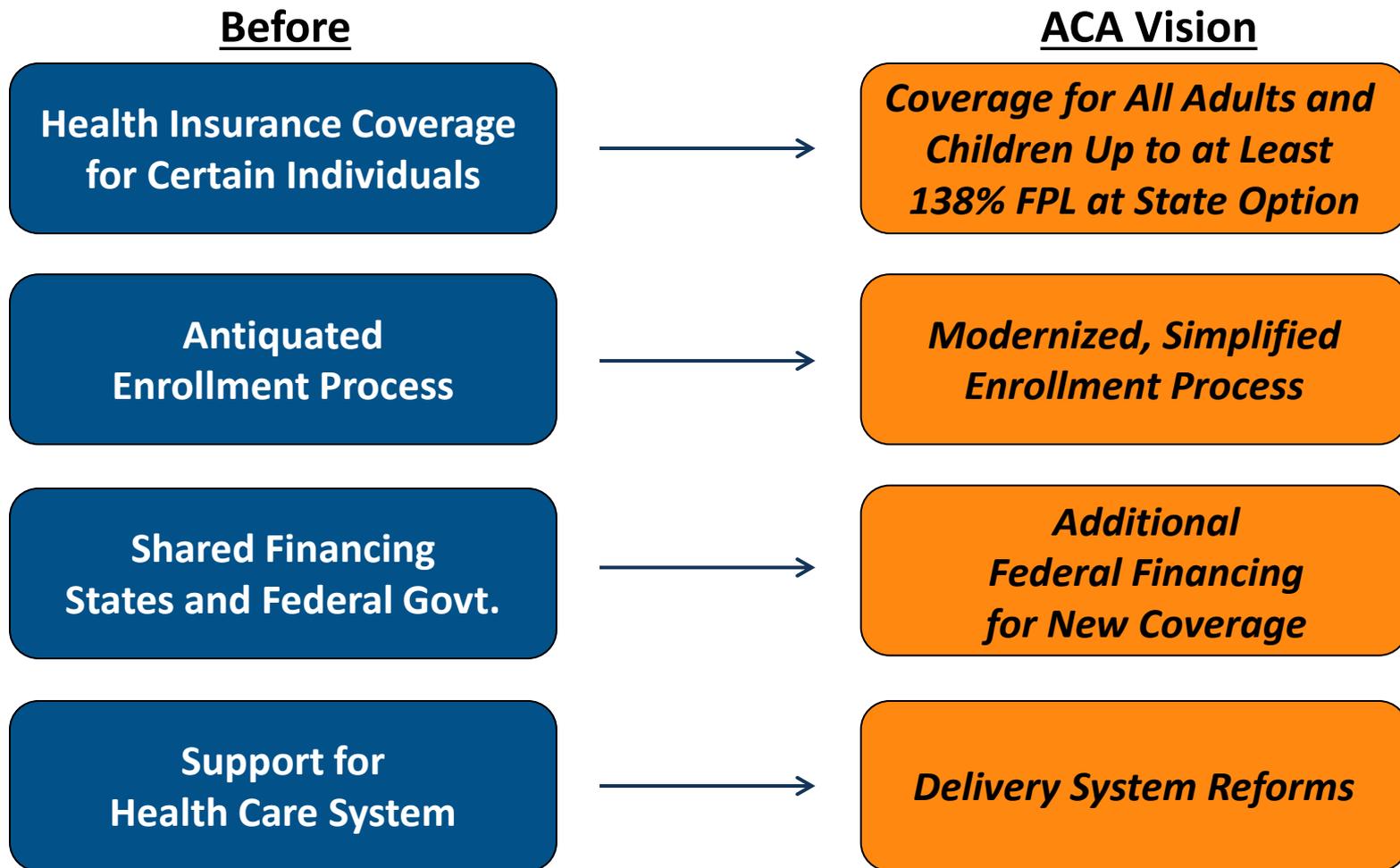
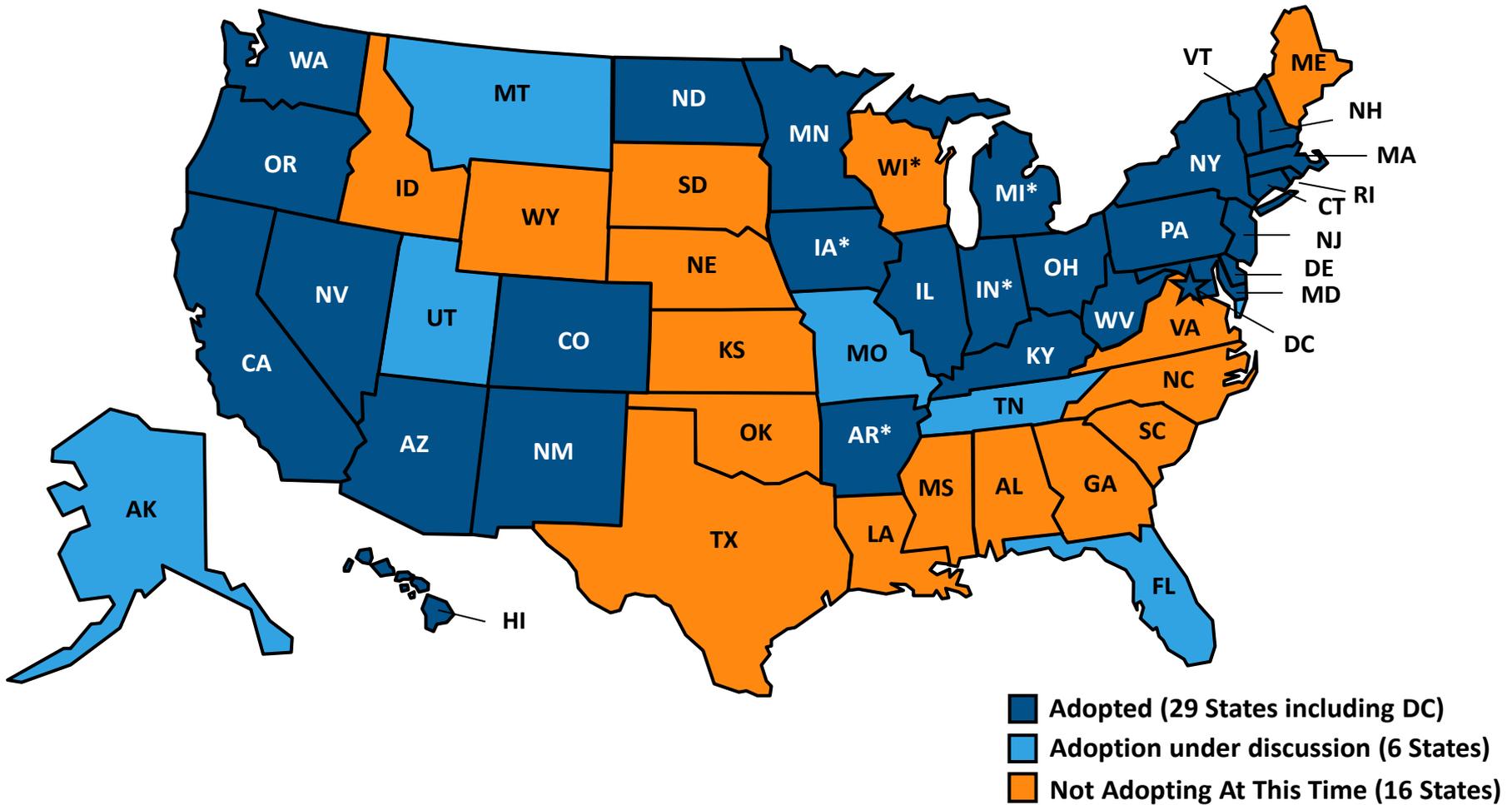


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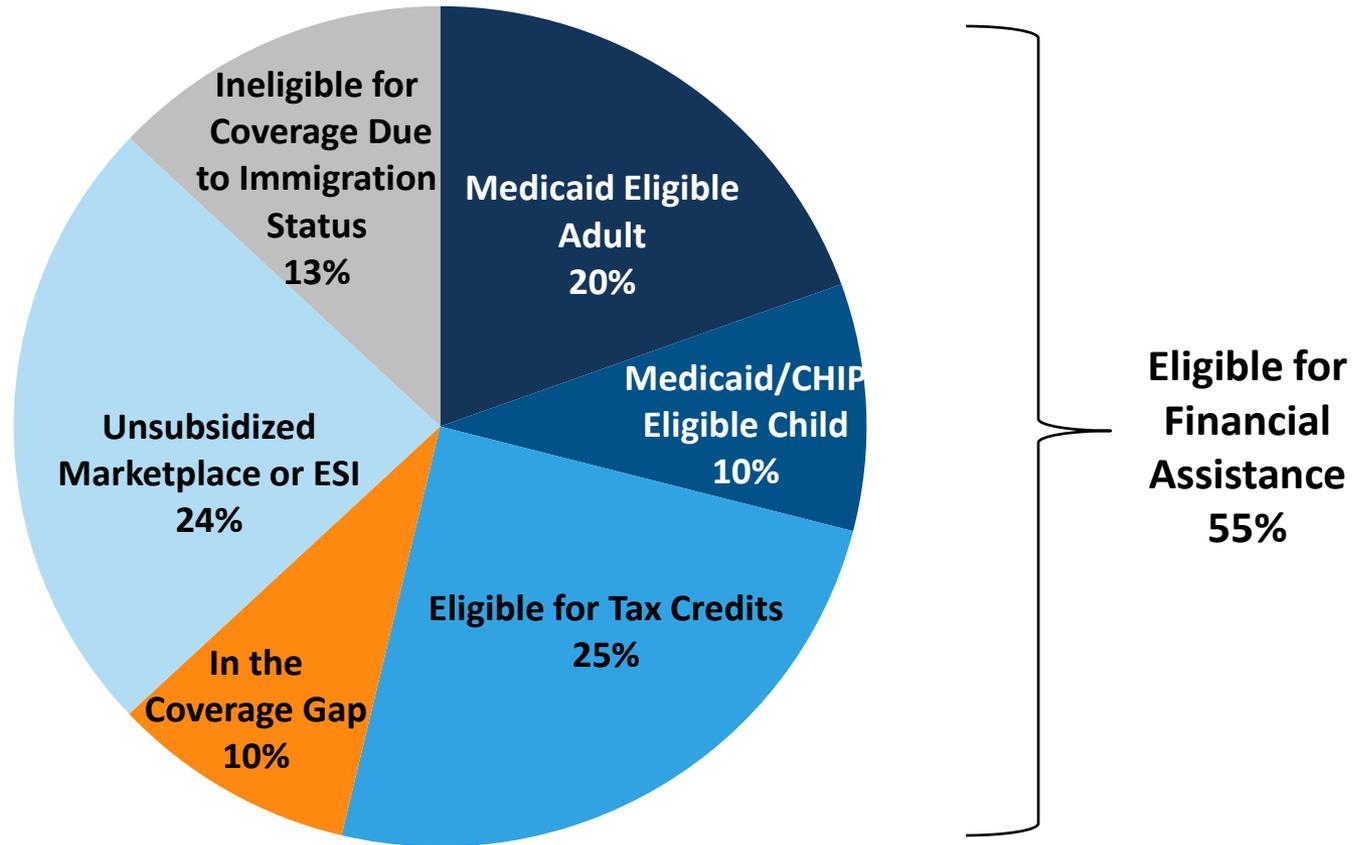
# Over half of states are currently implementing the Medicaid expansion.



NOTES: Under discussion indicates executive activity supporting adoption of the expansion. \*AR, IA, IN, and MI are implementing the expansion through Section 1115 waivers. WI covers adults up to 100% FPL in Medicaid, but did not adopt the ACA expansion.

Figure 5

# Impact of ACA: New affordable coverage options are available for many, but gaps remain.



**Total = 41.3 Million Nonelderly Uninsured**

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis based on 2014 Medicaid eligibility levels and 2014 Current Population Survey.

Figure 6

# Impact of the ACA: Millions have gained coverage through the Marketplaces and through Medicaid.

## Marketplace Enrollment *(In millions)*

11.6



Number who have selected a  
Marketplace plan (February 2015)

## Growth in Medicaid *(In millions)*

10.8

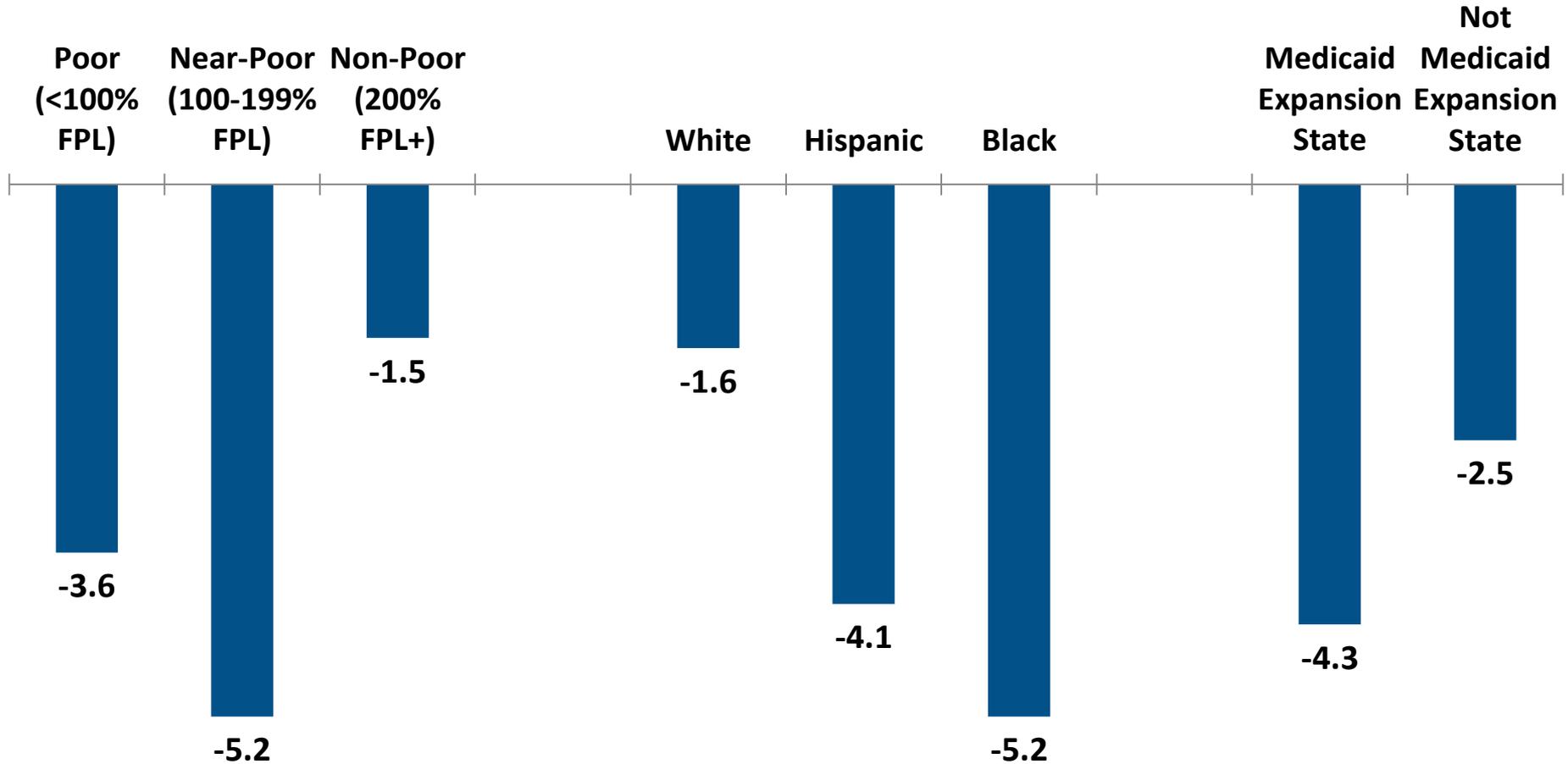


Increase in Medicaid enrollment over  
baseline (December 2014)

Sources: HHS.gov/Health Care Blog post, [Open Enrollment Update – Week 13: February 7, 2015 – February 15, 2015](#) and state Marketplace websites. CMS, Medicaid & CHIP: December Monthly Application, Eligibility Determination, and Enrollment Report, February 23, 2015.

Figure 7

# Impact of the ACA: Uninsured rate is dropping.



NOTE: All changes between 2013 and Q22014 are statistically significant at the 95% confidence level. Uninsured rates by Medicaid expansion status are for adults only; all other rates are for all non-elderly.

SOURCE: Martinez and Cohen. *Health Insurance Coverage: Early Release of Estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, January – June 2014*. US Department of Health and Human Services/CDC/NCSS, December 2014.

Figure 8

# Beyond expanding coverage, the ACA addresses many health care system issues.

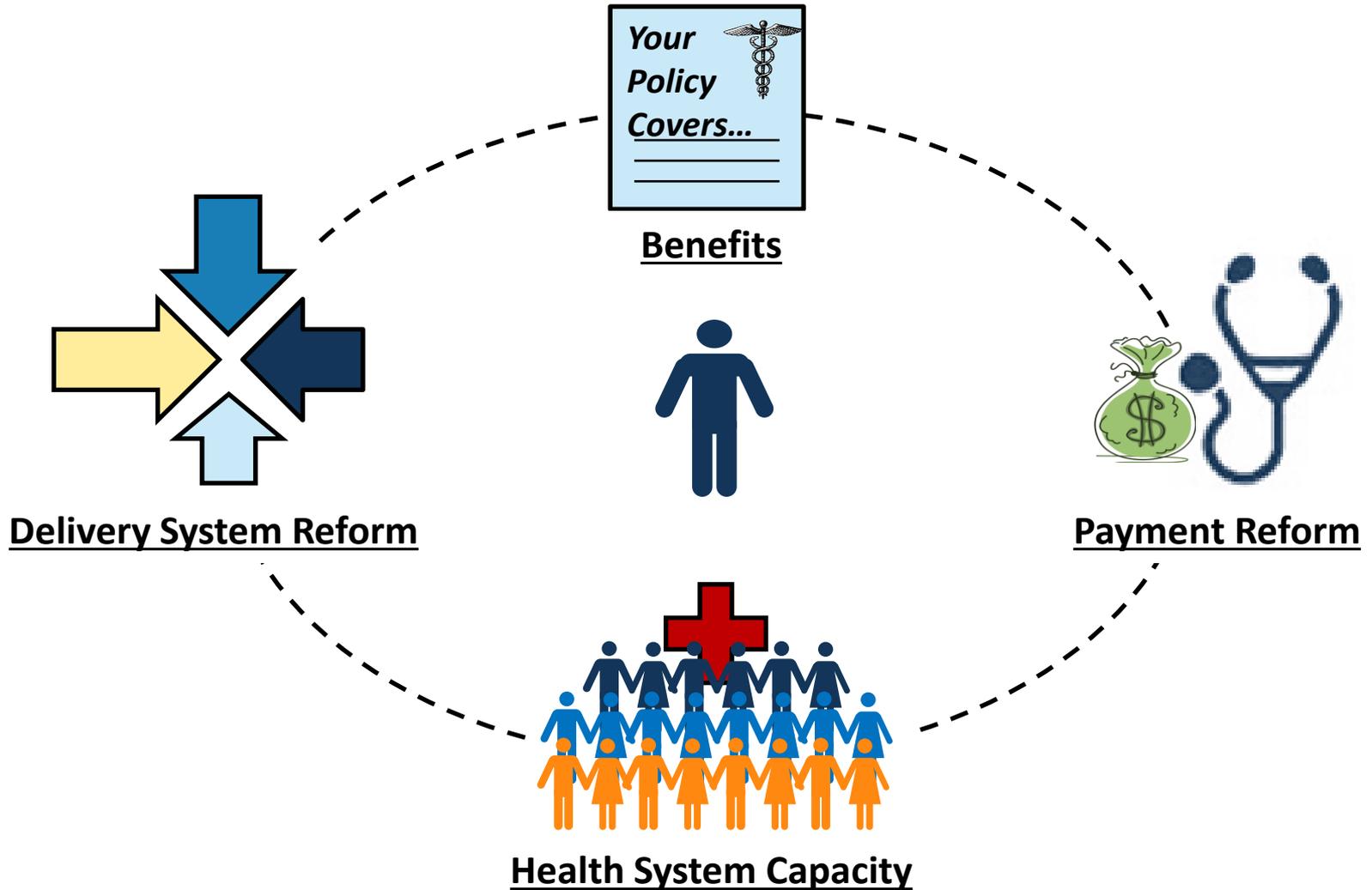


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