

Where Medicaid Stands: From AHCA to State Waivers

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Health Division Guiding Principles

The Health Division grounds all of its work in the following guiding principles:

- **Helping Governors Succeed:** Harnessing unbiased expertise to surface and disseminate the most promising evidence-based practices that can assist governors as they strive to improve the lives of their residents
- **Moving Beyond Theory:** Moving beyond theory by breaking down complex challenges and translating best practices into actionable steps governors can take to effectively and efficiently solve problems and create change
- **Breaking Down Silos:** Leveraging expertise across the NGA Center to help governors and their state leaders break down silos and develop integrated, innovative, whole-person solutions that are sustainable over time

Governors are Activated on Health Reform

“It is critical that any changes to Medicaid and the private health insurance market reflect states’ experience as major health care purchasers, regulators and administrators who will be responsible for carrying out new reforms.” - 2017 *NGA LETTER TO CONGRESS*

Stated Path for Health Care Reform

AHCA Introduced (3/6) CBO Score Released (3/13) Manager's Amendments (3/20) Updated CBO Score Released (3/22) Additional Amendments (3/23) AHCA Pulled from House Floor (3/24) AHCA Passes House; Senate Forms Working Group (5/4)

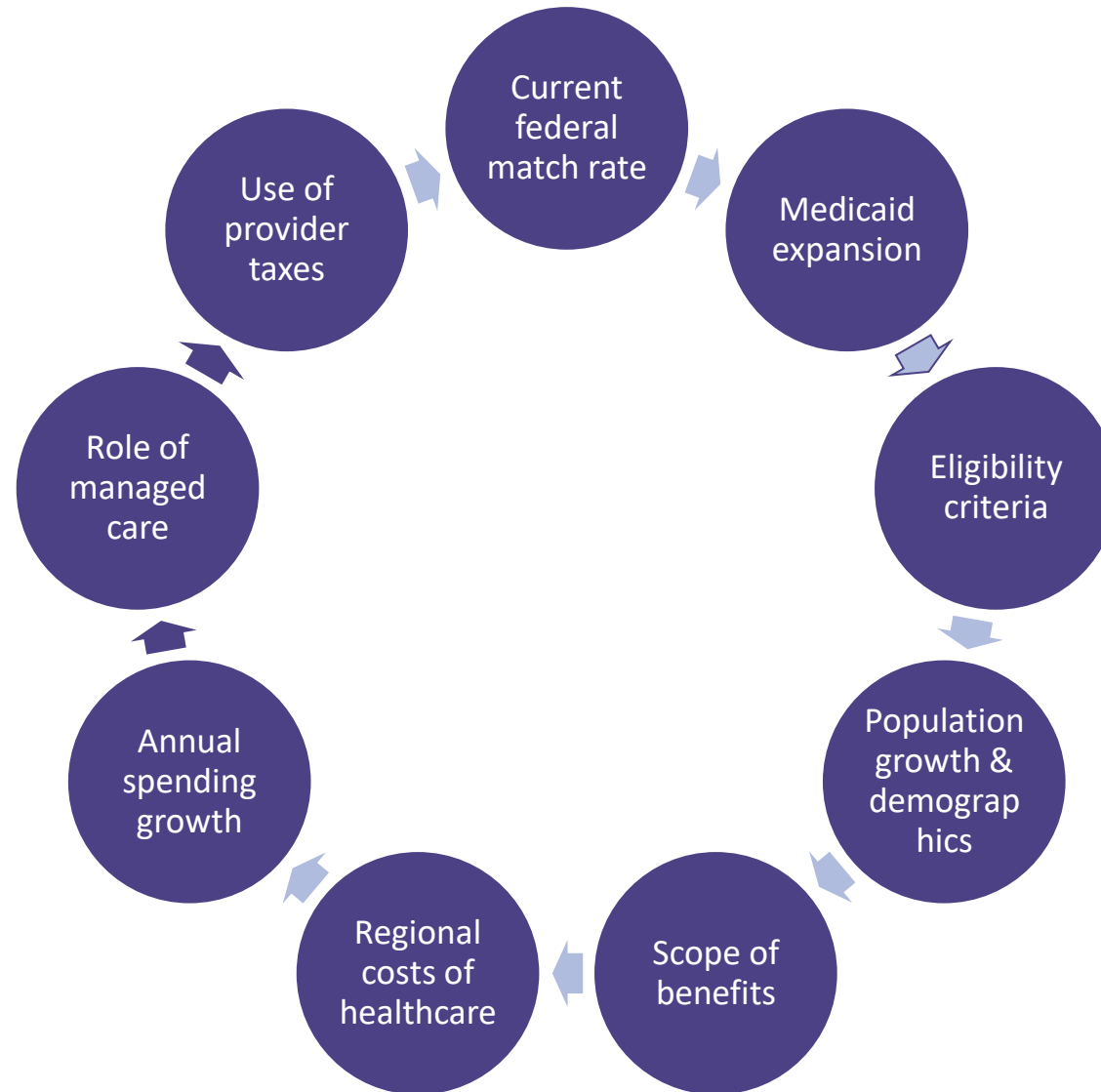
Phase 1: Repeal and Replace Through Reconciliation

HHS 1332 Letter to Governors (3/14) HHS/CMS Medicaid Letter to Governors (3/14)

Phase 2: Administrative Actions

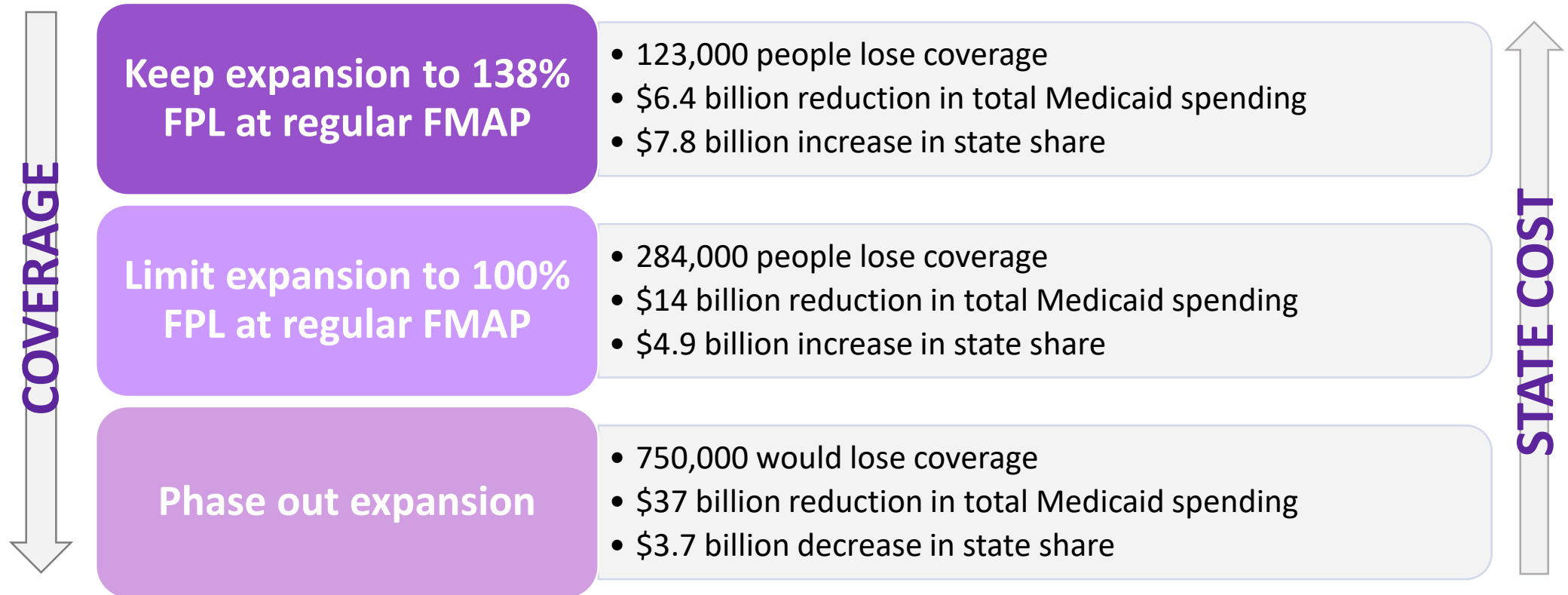
Phase 3: Other Legislative Action

Factors Related to State Impact



How Might States Respond to Limited Support for Medicaid Expansion?

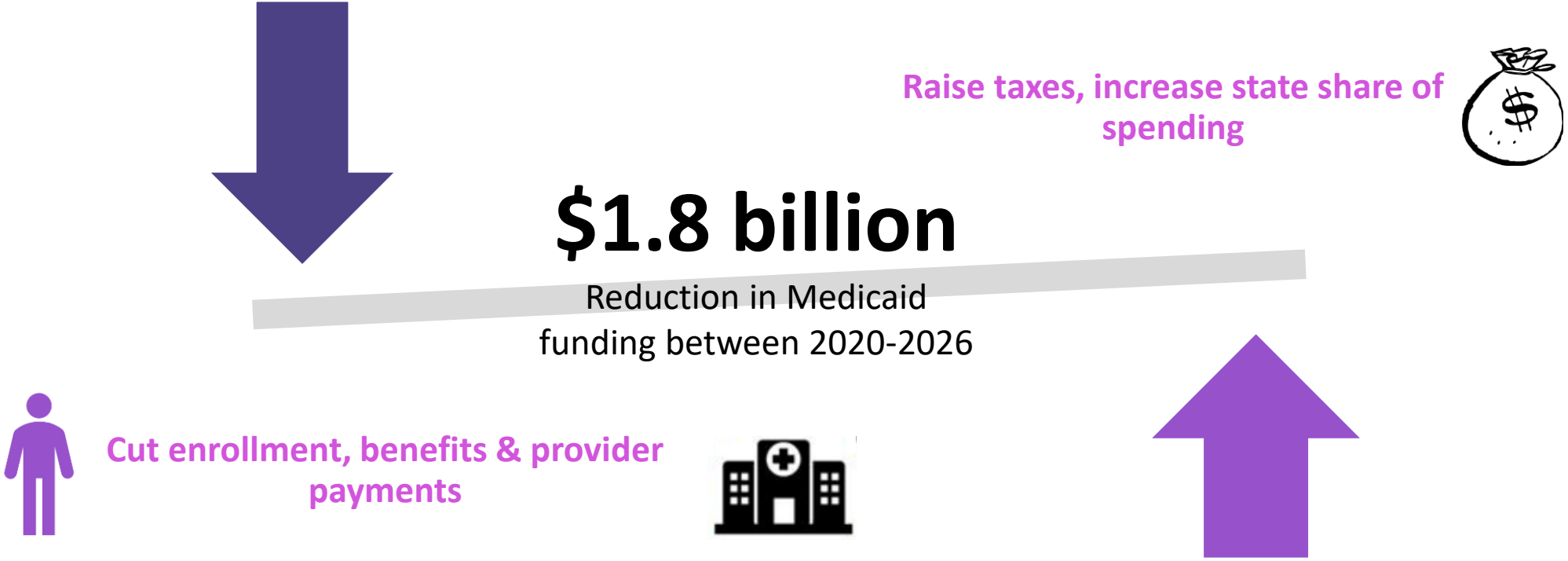
State Example: Ohio



Source: Ohio Governor's Office of Health Transformation, Health Insurance Market Reforms, <http://healthtransformation.ohio.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=R6ZfxgeoWvI%3d&tabid=160>

How Might States Respond to Medicaid Caps?

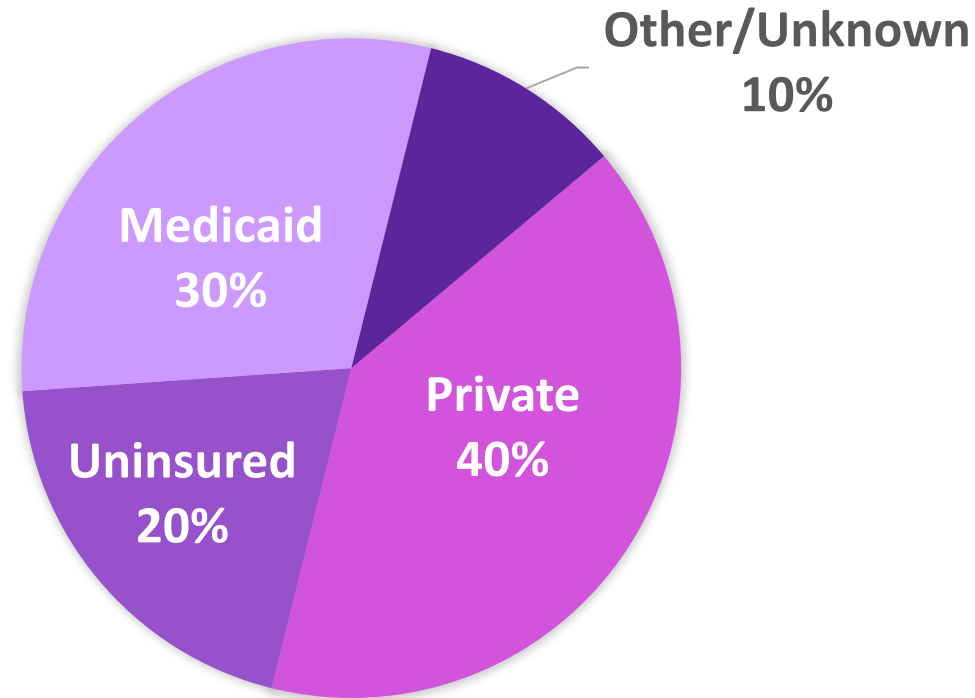
State Example: Virginia



Source: Daily Press, "Virginia to See Big Medicaid Cuts Under GOP Plan," March 18, 2017.

Impact on State Efforts to Address the Opioid Crisis

INSURANCE STATUS OF ADULTS WITH OPIOID ADDICTION

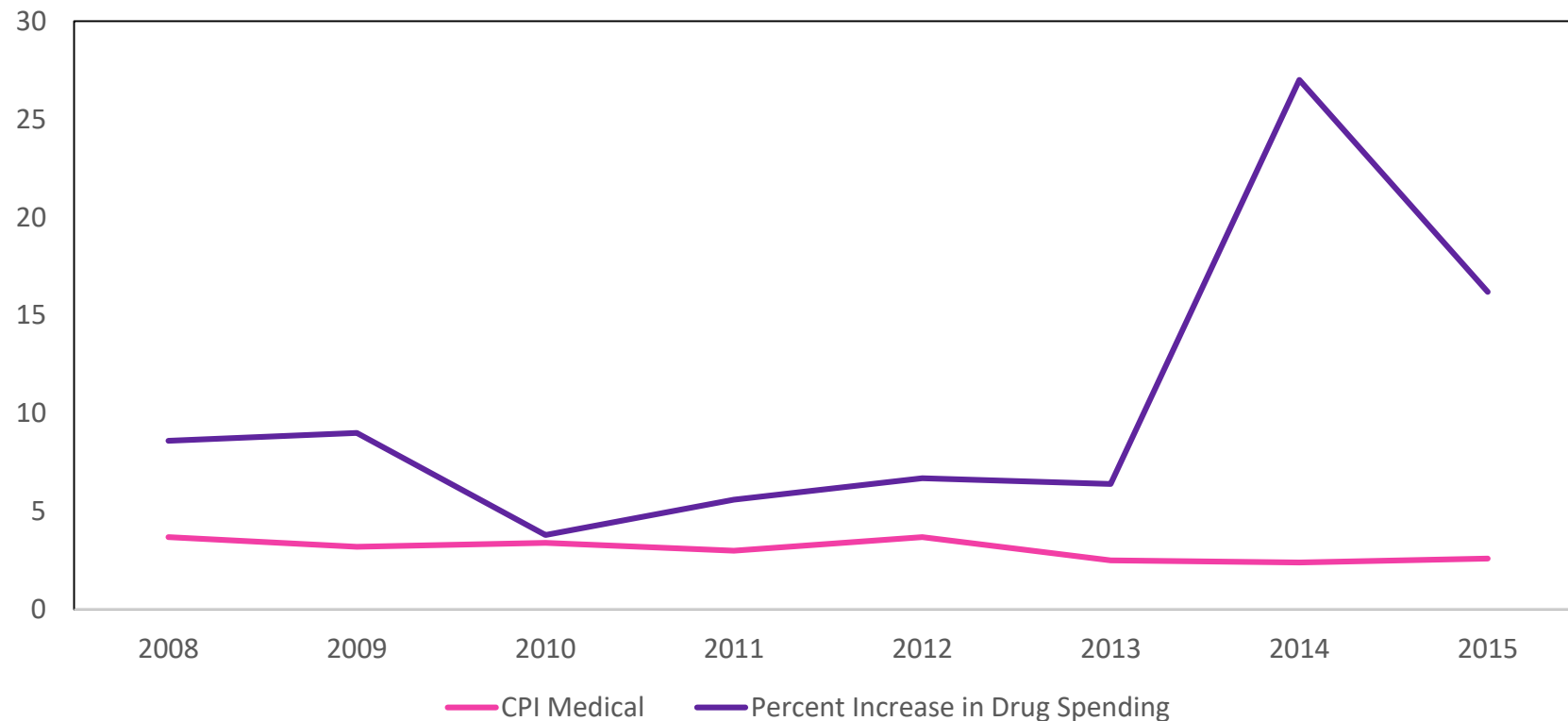


Total: 2.2 million people

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of the 2015 National Survey of Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

How Do Medicaid Caps Address Rising Drug Costs?

AVERAGE CPI MEDICAL VS. PERCENT INCREASE IN MEDICAID
PRESCRIPTION DRUG SPENDING PER YEAR



Sources: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of the Actuary, National Health Statistics Group
US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI- Medical Care

States Welcome New Flexibilities

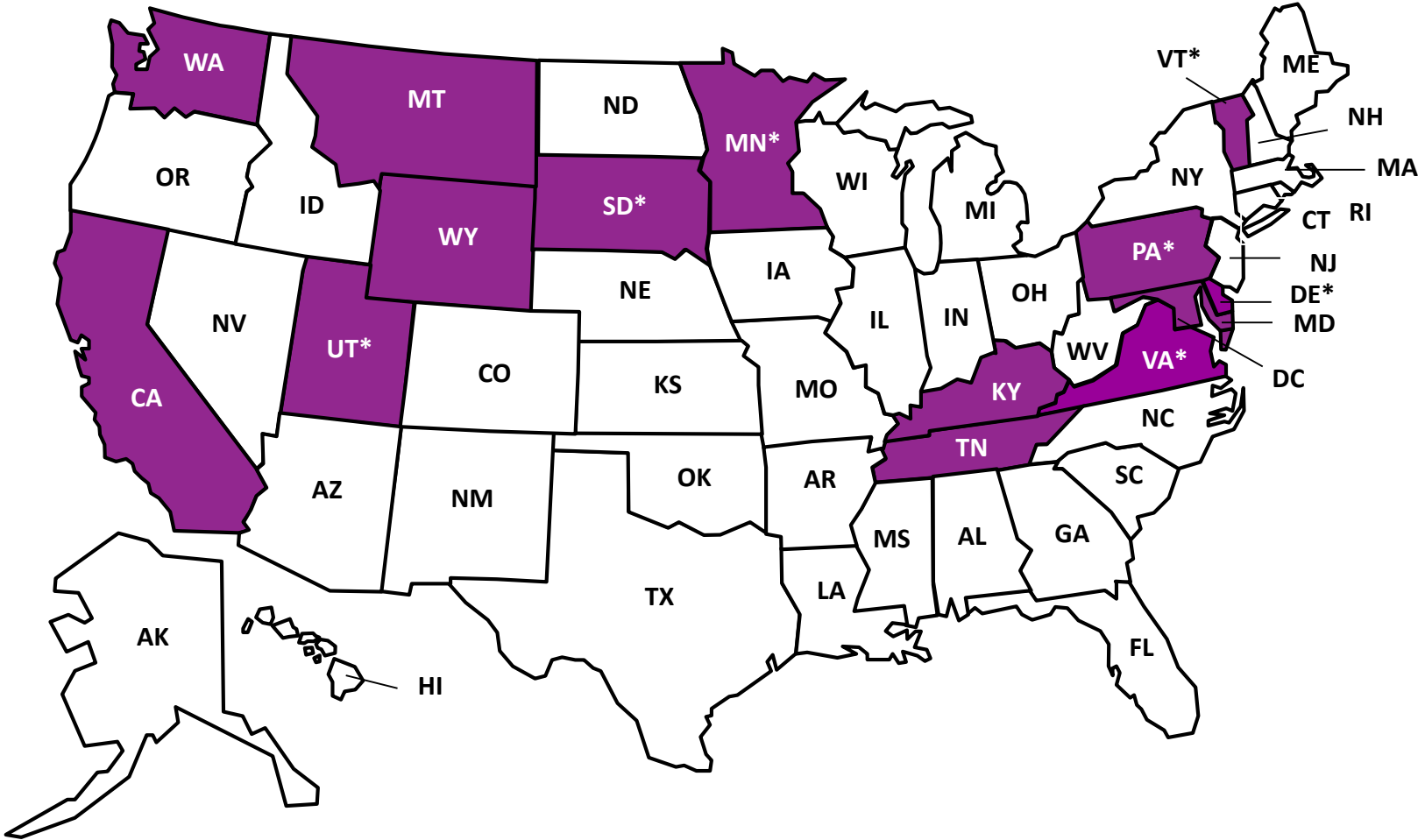
Health Care Executive Order (Jan. 20)

- Affirms the Executive Branch's commitment to repealing the Affordable Care Act
- Directs federal agencies to take actions aimed at reducing the fiscal burden of the law on states, patients, providers and insurers

HHS/CMS Letter to Governors on Medicaid (Mar. 14)

- Commits to improving collaboration with states in several areas:
 - Streamlining the approval of state plan amendments and waiver applications
 - Implementing work requirements and community engagement incentives
 - Aligning benefit designs with private health insurance products
 - Allowing additional time to comply with the 2014 home and community-based services rule
 - Providing states with more tools to combat the opioid crisis

Governors' Bipartisan Health Reform Learning Network



Questions?

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