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HEALTH REFORM

Hits Main Street

THE YOUTOONS EXPLAIN THE NEW HEALTH LAW
Main Provisions in the **Affordable Care Act**

- **Guaranteed Coverage**
  - No denial because of pre-existing conditions

- **Health Insurance Marketplaces**

- **Low Income Subsidies**

- **Minimum Standards**
  - Essential health benefits, free preventive care, covering children on parents policies until age 26

- **Medicaid Expansion**
Assessing the Overall Impact of the ACA in 2014

- Health insurance marketplace operations
- Enrollment in health plans
- Number of uninsured
- Health care costs
Essential Health Benefits

• Children (age 19 and under) are now “covered” with comprehensive dental coverage
Pediatric Dental Benefit in the Marketplace

- Embedded in Medical plans
- Stand alone private dental plans
- About a third (34%) of all health plans in the federally-facilitated marketplaces include pediatric dental coverage
Current Status of State Medicaid Expansion Decisions

As of Aug 28, 2014
Source: The Henry Kaiser Family Foundations
Dental Health Safety Net Capacity

Who will treat those with new Medicaid coverage?

• From Massachusetts experience, the need for safety net will increase with insurance expansion

• The role of community health centers and private practitioners
The ACA creates an opportunity for increased interaction, collaboration, and integration of oral health with other health sectors.
Oral Health Integration into ACOs

Dentists potential value:

• Reduce emergency room costs by seeing referrals
• Refer via broader clinical risk assessment
• Screen for chronic diseases
A Call for Change

True integration would require more interprofessional coordination of oral health care

- More group practices
- Population health perspective
- Broader view of health to include oral health care
A Call for Change

- Adapt to payment changes
  - Shared savings
  - Risk based contracting

- Accountability for health outcomes
  - Pay for performance (paying for value)
    • Lack of diagnosis codes an issue
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The ACA’s on impact dental education
The ACA’s Impact on Dental Education

- Provides grants to expand dental workforce training activities:
  - Pre-doctoral
  - Post-doctoral
  - Faculty development
  - Dental faculty loan repayment
The ACA’s Impact on Dental Education

- Funding for Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME)
- Funding for Centers of Excellence
- Provides financial support loan repayment programs
  - National Health Service Corps
What to Expect in January 2015
2014 Senate Election Results

Democratic
Net -8, Gained 0, Lost 8

Republican
Net +8, Gained 8, Lost 0

51 of 100 Seats Needed for Majority
Current Senate: 53 (D); 45 (R); 2 (I)

Source: Politico
Post-Election Assessment

• Repeal vote in both chambers
  – Symbolic due to presidential veto and no agreement on comprehensive replacement option
  – To override a Presidential veto need 67 votes in Senate and 290 votes in the House

• More oversight hearings
  – E.g., Gruber comments
Post-Election Assessment

• Medical Device Tax (2.3% excise tax)
  – Cut $29 billion in funding over 10 years
  – Senate voted to repeal last session 79-20
  – Bipartisan support to repeal

*Cong. Budget Office and Urban Institute estimates
Post-Election Assessment

- Employer Mandate (over 50 employees)
  - 95% provide coverage-others low wage
  - Eliminate*
    • Could increase uninsured from 200,000-500,000
    • Cost federal government $46-130 million over 10 years
  - Change mandate from 30 to 40 hours
    • Some employers dropping coverage for part time or increasing part time

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Post-Election Assessment

• Insurer risk protection removal
  – 3 yr. start up program to protect insurer risk
  – Redistributes money among insurers
    • No federal money
  – Would increase marketplace premium costs

• Individual mandate
  – Repeal?
2014 Governor Election Results

Source: Politico
Composition of State Legislatures after the 2014 Election

Source: National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL)
Supreme Court Challenge

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