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Don't Cut Our Lifeline ACA and Medicaid Toolkit 1-11-17

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Presentation Outline

- Welcome and Introduction
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- ACA and Medicaid Overview
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Overview

- Congress and the new Administration plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Details about time not yet agreed to
- Repeal and not replace is irresponsible
- If this fight is lost-- health care unravels, major impact on Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security and Supplemental Security Income
- You can make a difference



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Lifeline Programs—What Are They?



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- Medicaid, Medicare, ACA, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income
- Collectively called “lifeline”
- Access to health care and community living support

Why ACA Matters

- Many provisions have been part of The Arc's policy positions for decades including:
 - Nondiscrimination and health insurance reforms
 - Affordability and comprehensiveness
 - LTSS expansions
 - Medicaid expansion



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How Many People with I/DD Benefit?

Exact numbers not available by type of disability, but we know:

- People in the Medicare waiting period (about 1.5 million in any given year)
- People who do not qualify for SSI either due to disability or income
- Low wage workers and people without access to employer sponsored health insurance

Medicaid Expansion

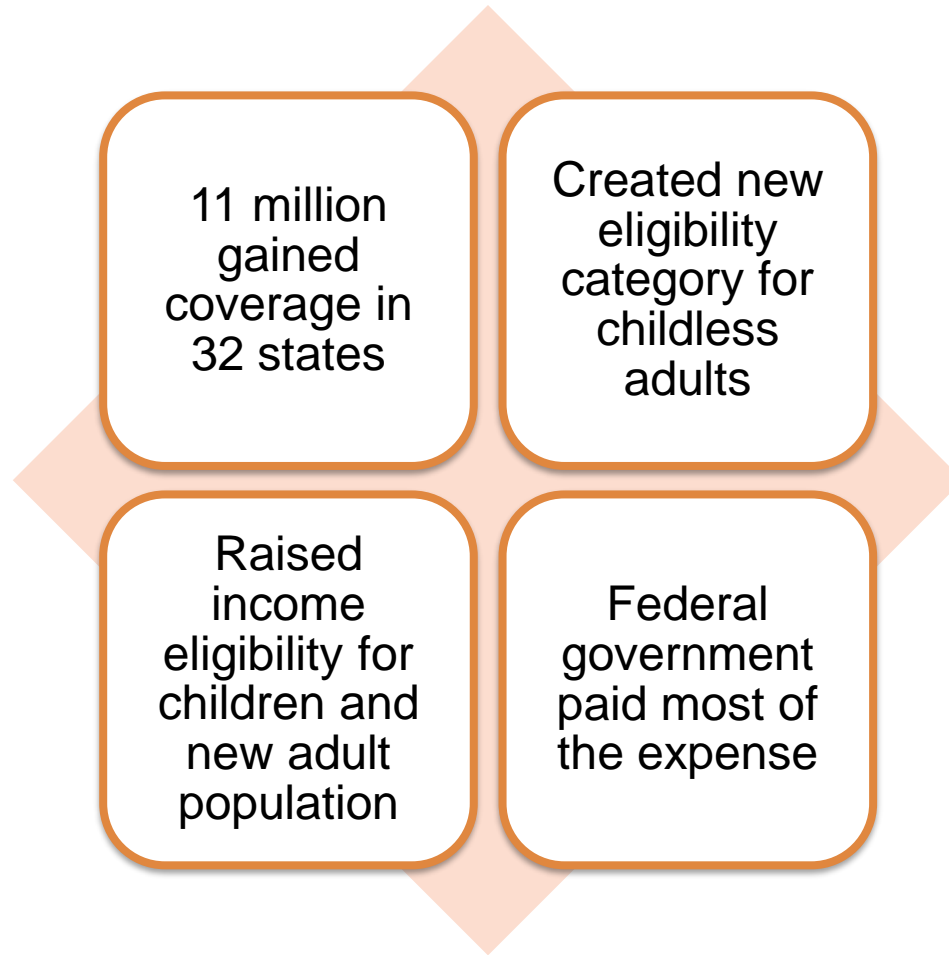
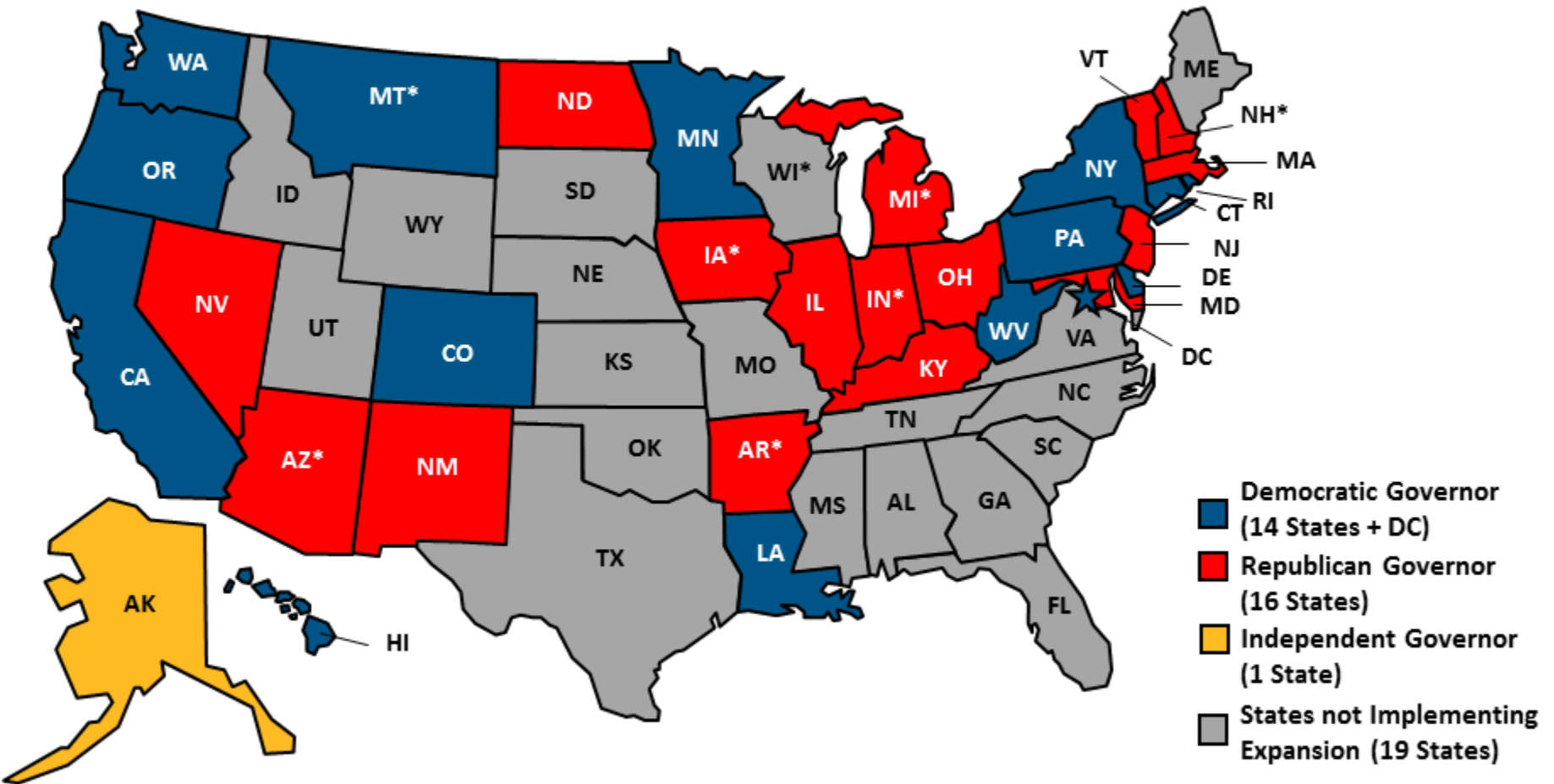


Figure 1

Expansion states are split between Republican and Democratic governors as of January 2017.



NOTES: Coverage under the Medicaid expansion became effective January 1, 2014 in all but seven expansion states: Michigan (4/1/2014), New Hampshire (8/15/2014), Pennsylvania (1/1/2015), Indiana (2/1/2015), Alaska (9/1/2015), Montana (1/1/2016), and Louisiana (7/1/2016). Seven states that will have Republican governors as of January 2017 originally implemented expansion under Democratic governors (AR, IL, KY, MA, MD, NH, VT), and one state has a Democratic governor but originally implemented expansion under a Republican governor (PA). *AR, AZ, IA, IN, MI, MT, and NH have approved Section 1115 expansion waivers.

Impact on Medicaid

- If expansion is repealed--block grants are an easier sell
- Destabilizes the program in the expansion states
- Governors and state legislatures will have to figure out where to come up with the money to replace the federal share
- Better to stop it federally than the battles in each state
- Assume block grants/per capita caps coming later this summer

Why Act Now?

First step in repeal is Budget Resolution—voting starts today

The budget resolution will direct the committees to write legislation

In order to use the fast track reconciliation process has to have revenue impact

In Senate only need majority (51 votes)

2015 repeal as a guide

The 2015 Repeal Plan

- All of the taxes that help pay for the ACA
- Prevention Trust Fund
- Increased federal contribution to the Medicaid expansion
- 6% increase for the Community First Choice Option
- The penalties attached to individual and employer mandates
- Cost sharing subsidies and premium subsidies

Next Steps

- Timing is unclear
 - End of January to develop the actual bill that will repeal
 - Vote by President's Day
- What will replace and when?
 - Likely that we will not know
 - Consensus has not been reached
- Second process likely late Spring/Summer



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Threats to Medicaid on the Horizon

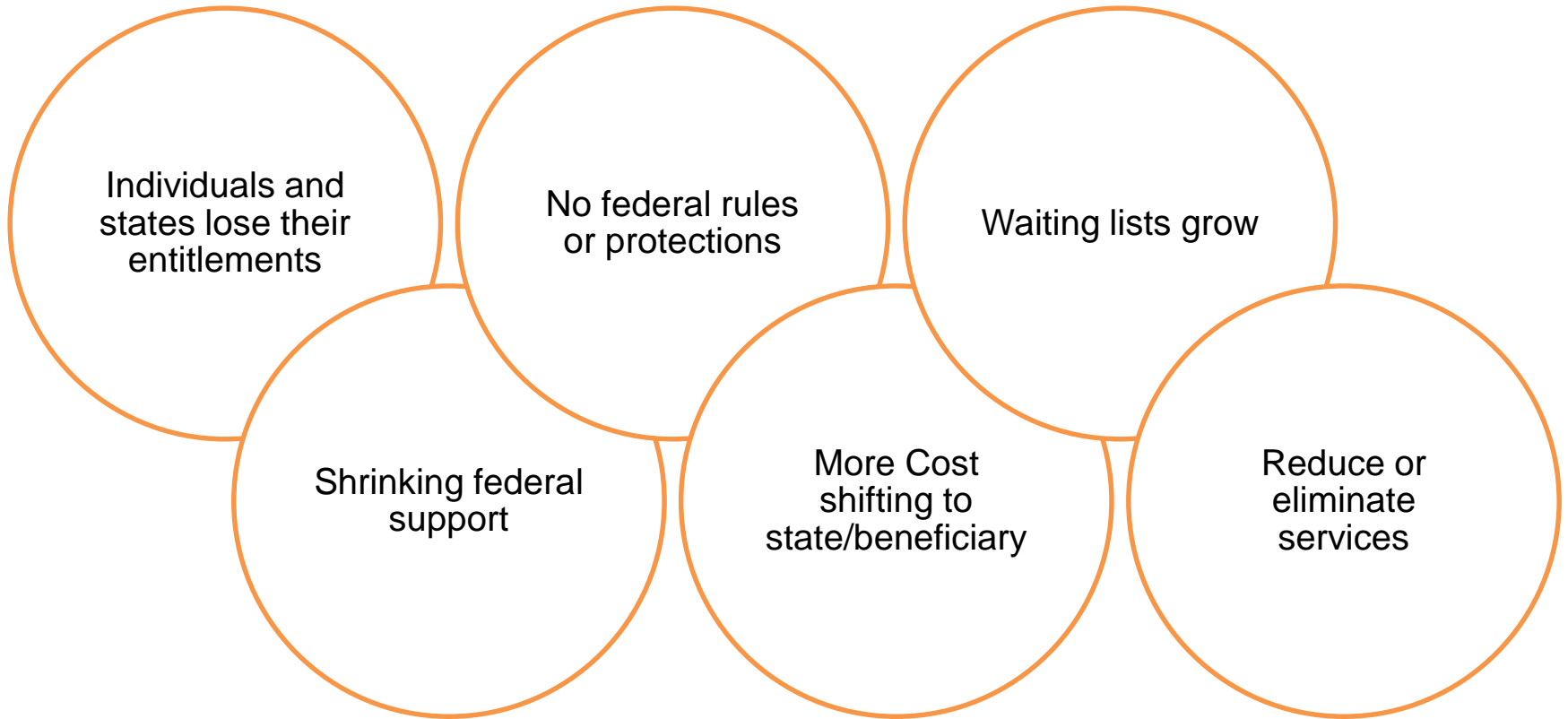
Cutting the funding

Removing the entitlement to individuals and the
states

Block Grants/Flexible State Allotments/Per Capita
Caps

Structural changes that will lower the cost to federal
government over time

Possible Effects of Threats



What Can You Do?

- Use the tool kit materials
 - Call your Members of Congress
 - Write letters to the editors
 - Educate your membership and call them to action
 - Set up meetings with your Members of Congress
 - Use social media -- #WeActWednesday
- Our staff will continue to add to the resources



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Lifeline Toolkit:

Fact Sheets

- [ACA: How People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Benefit from the ACA](#)
- [Medicaid: The Outlook in 2017: Cuts, Block Grants or Per Capita Caps?](#)
- [SSI: A Vital Part of Our Security System](#)

Get Involved - Help Protect the Lifeline

- [How to Engage Your Members of Congress](#)
- [Preparing for Meeting with Your Members of Congress](#)

State-by-State Resources

- **Families USA** [fact sheets](#) outline what's at stake in each state - for example, how many people stand to lose health insurance coverage if the Medicaid expansion is eliminated.
- **The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** [fact sheets](#) and [interactive slider](#) show how much progress the states have made in covering their uninsured residents and how much would be lost if the ACA's coverage expansions are eliminated.
- **The State of the States in Developmental Disabilities** [State Profiles](#) and [Create a Chart](#) provide longitudinal financial and programmatic trends in intellectual and developmental disabilities services (for example, the average daily cost of care in large state-operated institutions versus community settings).

Stories

- [Share your story](#) with ACA coalition partners on why quality, affordable health coverage matters to you.