

Advancing Children's Health Care: A US Legislative Update



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Webinar Objectives

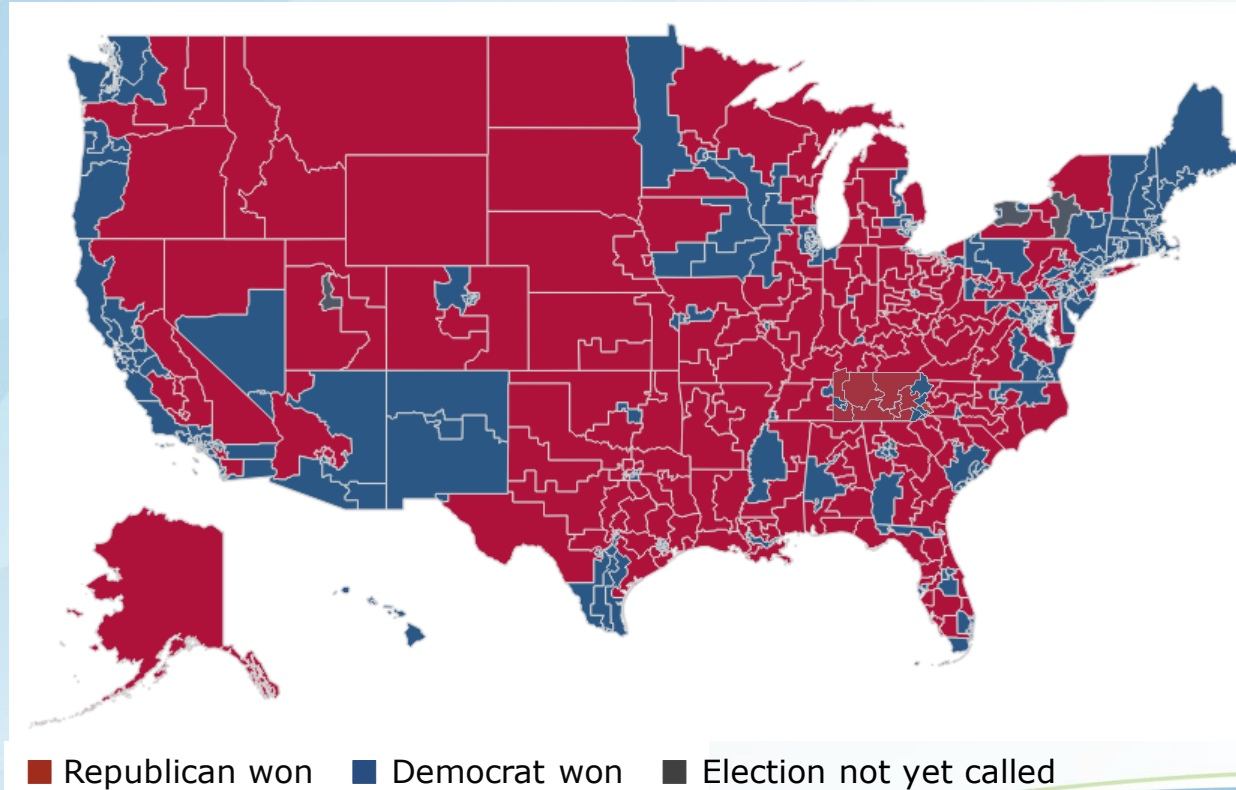
- Gain an understanding of the federal health policy landscape, election returns and where children's health fits in.
- Learn about opportunities to improve children's health and what potential barriers stand in the way.
- Discuss how to be an effective advocate for children.

Congressional Control 2009-2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
House	D+77	D+78	R+49	R+50	R+33	R+33	R+59	R+59	R+47	R+45	D+35
Senate	D+16	D+20	D+6	D+6	D+10	D+10	R+8	R+8	R+4	R+2	R+6
White House	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Obama	Trump	Trump	Trump

■ Republican control ■ Democratic control

2018 U.S. House Election Results Map



Key Senate Races, Outcomes



Jon Tester (D-MT)



Jacky Rosen (D-NV)



Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ)



Ted Cruz (R-TX)



Kevin Cramer (R-ND)



Mike Braun (R-IN)



Joe Manchin (D-WV)



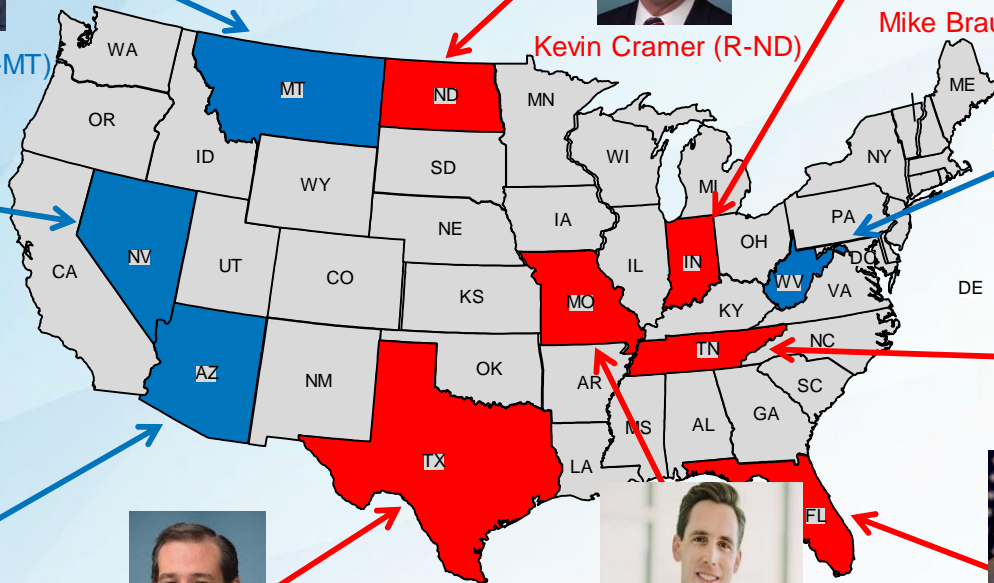
Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)



Rick Scott (R-FL)



Josh Hawley (R-MO)



Potential Democratic Presidential Candidates



Elizabeth Warren



Amy Klobuchar



Eric Holder



Michael Bloomberg



Julián Castro



Kamala Harris



Cory Booker



John Kerry



John Hickenlooper



Kirsten Gillibrand



Eric Garcetti



Deval
Patrick



Joe Biden



Bernie Sanders

Senate Leadership – 116th Congress

Majority Leader



Mitch McConnell (KY)

Minority Leader



Chuck Schumer (NY)

House Leadership – 116th Congress

Speaker



Nancy Pelosi (CA)

Minority Leader



Kevin McCarthy (CA)

Potential Committee Chairs

Chamber	Committee	Chair	Ranking Member
Senate	Appropriations	Richard Shelby (R-AL)	Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
	Budget	Mike Enzi (R-WY)	Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
	Finance	Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	Ron Wyden (D-OR)
	Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions	Lamar Alexander (R-TN)	Patty Murray (D-WA)
House	Appropriations	Nita Lowey (D-NY)	Robert Aderholt (R-AL)
	Budget	John Yarmuth (D-KY)	Steve Womack (R-AR)
	Education and the Workforce	Bobby Scott (D-VA)	Virginia Foxx (R-NC)
	Energy and Commerce	Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	Greg Walden (R-OR)
	Oversight & Government Reform	Elijah Cumming (D-MD)	Jim Jordan (R-OH)
	Ways & Means	Richard Neal (D-MA)	Kevin Brady (R-TX)

Remainder of 2018

- Nov. 13: Start of lame duck
 - Leadership elections
 - Committee Chairs and members
- Dec. 7: Expiration of Continuing Resolution
 - Omnibus? Minibus? Additional CR(s)?
- ACE Kids Act



Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act

- ACE Kids seeks to advance coordinated high-quality care for children with medical complexity
- Goal is a national framework for data, quality and outcomes
- Differences between Senate and House bills
- S. 428 – 40 cosponsors
- H.R. 3325 - 135 cosponsors



Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act

Builds off of lessons learned in the CARE Award

- Coordinating All Resources Effectively (CARE)
- Enrolled 8,000 children - 10 children's hospitals, 8 states
- Reduced inpatient length of stay by 32%
- Reduced visits to the emergency department by 26%
- Reduced overall spending by 2.6%
- Increased quality based on family-centered outcomes

CHIP Reauthorization

Funding extended until FY 2027

- Ten year reauthorization in two steps:
 - Jan. 22, 2018 six-year extension
 - Feb. 9, 2018 added four-years
- Continuation of increase in federal funding for 2018-2019, partial for 2020
- Maintenance of Effort preserved for children <300% FPL



Children's Hospital GME (CHGME)

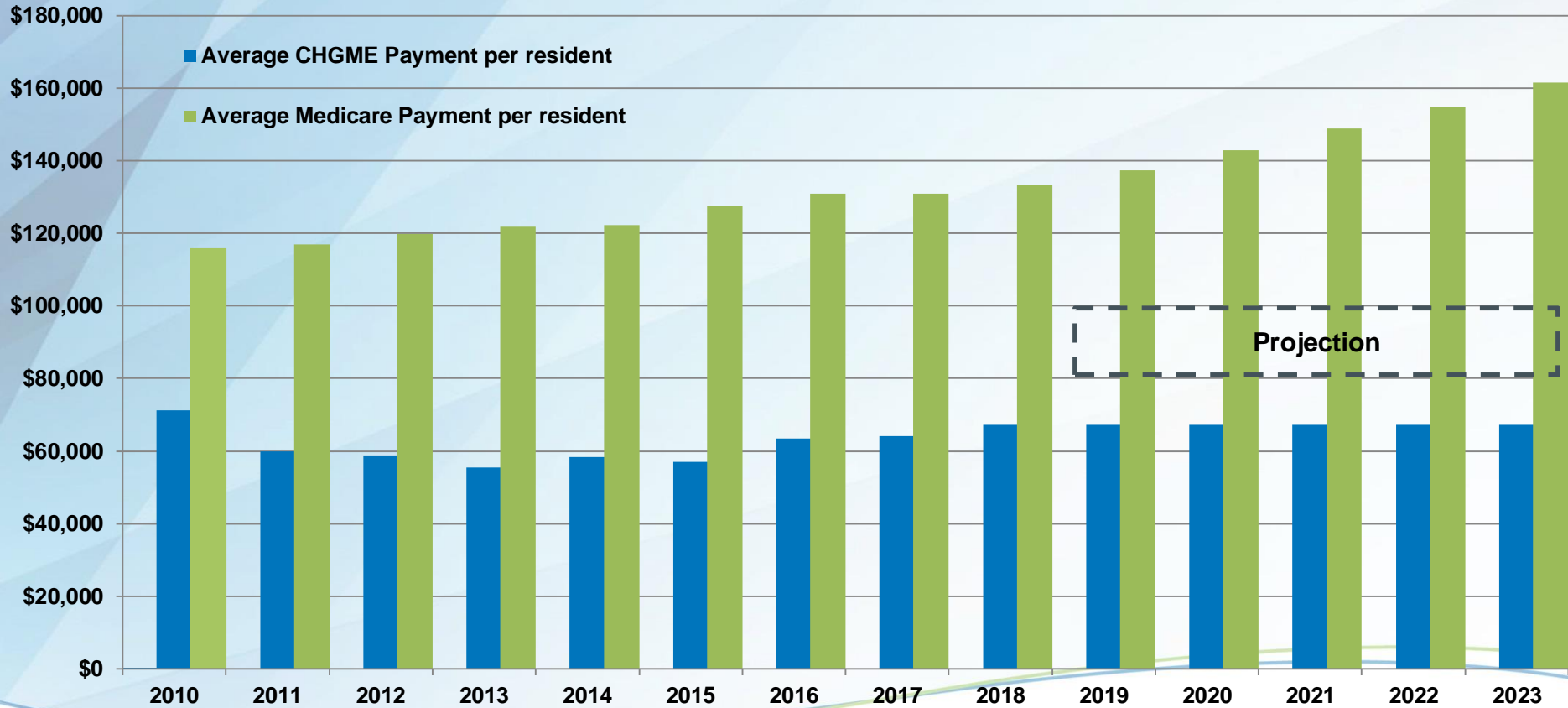
Supports physician training at 58 children's hospitals

- FY 2017: \$300 million, equal to full authorization
- FY 2018: \$315 million - more than full authorization
- FY 2019: \$325 million – equal to new authorization level

Reauthorization required by Oct. 1, 2018

- S. 2597: Sens. Isakson, R-Ga. and Casey, Jr. D-Pa.
- H.R. 5385: Reps. Burgess, R-Texas and Green, D-Texas
- Signed by President Trump

CHGME: \$ Shortfall Compared to Medicare



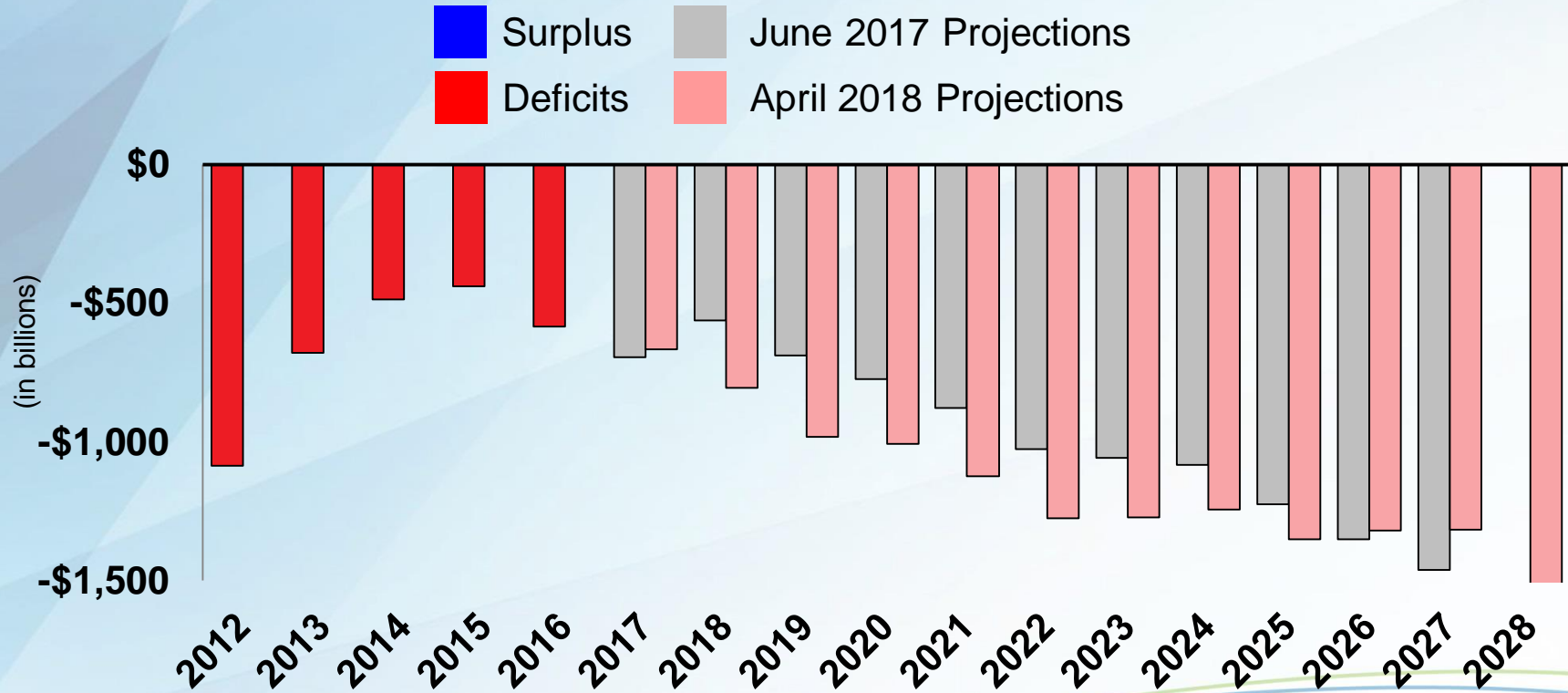
116th Congress Agenda



Efforts to Reform Medicaid: 2017

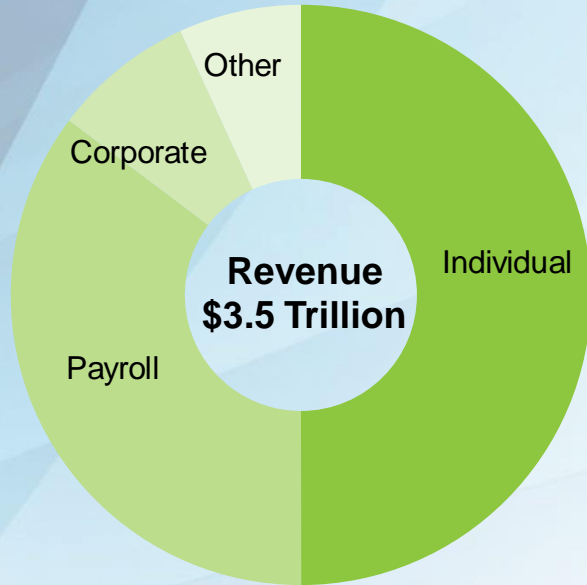


Federal Budget Projections

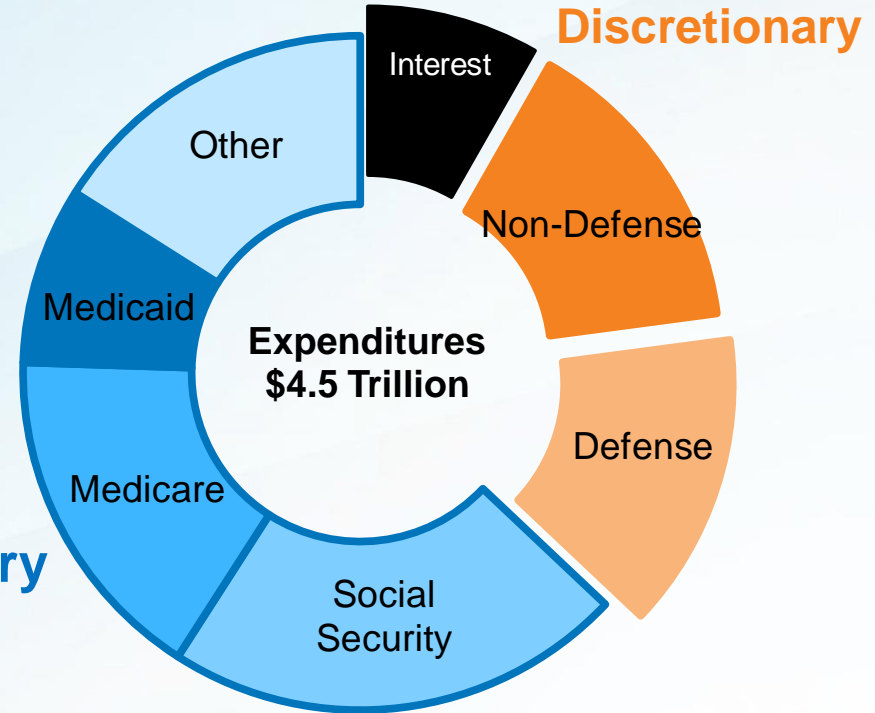


Revenues vs. Expenditures

Projected
FY 2019



Mandatory



Health care in key Senate races

Health care is the most-Googledd election issue and biggest focus of political ads in states with competitive senate races

October 30, 2018

Producer
Paige Wulff

Potential Health Agenda for 116th Congress

- Oversight and Investigations
- Drug Pricing
- 340B
- Transparency
- Medicaid Supplemental Payments

Trump Administration: HHS Leadership

**Secretary, Department of Health
and Human Services**



Alex Azar

**Administrator, Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services**



Seema Verma

340B: Common Policy Themes

- Reduction in Medicare OPPS rates
- Report savings
- Program intent = direct patient benefit
- Additional registration standards
- Stronger reporting / transparency requirements



Possible Medicaid Administrative Actions

- Seema Verma, major proponent of state flexibility
- Authority to make changes administratively
 - Enforcement/funding of implementation
 - Regulations – rewrite or pull back
 - Waivers
 - CMMI



Alternative Coverage: Cheaper BUT Skinnier

Type of Plan	Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-term Limited Duration (STLDI) plans <i>(Finalized federal rule)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fill temporary gaps in coverage• Consumers must pass medical underwriting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association Health Plans (AHPs) <i>(Finalized federal rule)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsored by an employer-based association, professional or trade group
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health care sharing ministries <i>(Federal oversight)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members share a common set of religious beliefs and contribute to pay for medical expenses of other members
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Bureau plans <i>(State option)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sponsored by a state's farm bureau• Not considered health insurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transitional policies <i>(Federal rule gives states option)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "If you like your plan you can keep it" policies – issued after March, 2010 and before 2014

Administrative Actions Access to Skinny Plans

1332 State Innovation Waivers: Federal Guidance

- Protections/“guardrails” loosened
 - Less comprehensive coverage can be offered (e.g. short-term plans, AHPs) when coverage available

Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs)

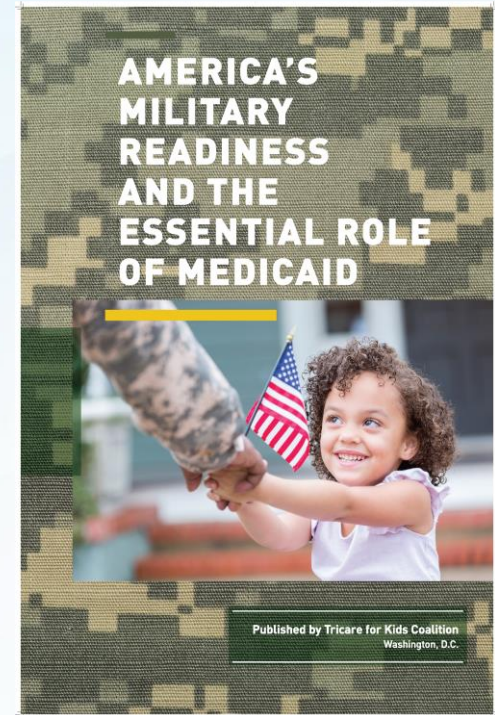
- Delinked from group health plans
- Expands allowable use of HRAs
 - Premiums, out-of-pocket costs for ACA-compliant plans
 - Projected enrollment – 1 million new enrollees in 2020

Public Charge Rule

- Change how DHS determines whether immigrants are “likely at any time to become a public charge”
- Applies when immigrant seeks:
 - admission to the U.S.
 - extension of stay
 - adjustment of status to become a lawful permanent resident
- Totality of Circumstances Test
 - Expands list of benefits considered and heavily weighs the use of benefits and income

Military Readiness and Medicaid Report

- Tricare for Kids Coalition released new report on America's Military Readiness and the Essential Role of Medicaid
- More than 3.5 million active duty and veterans' children enrolled in Medicaid
 - 200,000 active duty children
 - 3.4 million children of veterans'
- More than 20% of recruits were enrolled in Medicaid prior to their enlistment



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Questions & Answers

