



## **The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

### **Strengthening and Improving Medicaid**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will increase coverage under Medicaid, an important public program that provides vital health care coverage to millions of vulnerable Americans.

#### **New Coverage for Vulnerable Americans**

- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will increase Medicaid eligibility for all non-elderly parents and childless adults, children, and pregnant women with income up to 133 percent of poverty (\$29,300 for a family of four).
- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will also continue the successful CHIP program that provides health care to 7 million children.

#### **Enrollment Simplification**

- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will simplify enrollment by requiring States to establish an enrollment website to promote seamless enrollment in Medicaid, CHIP, or the Exchange.
- ✓ Income standards will be streamlined and one form will be used to apply for Medicaid, CHIP or tax credits in the Exchange.

#### **Home and Community Based Services**

- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will establish the Community First Choice option which would provide community-based supports and services to individuals with disabilities in Medicaid who would otherwise require an institutional level of care.
- ✓ A new office within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will coordinate care for vulnerable Americans who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

#### **Improves Access to Preventive Services**

- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will encourage States to improve coverage of and access to recommended preventive services and immunizations. At a minimum, States will be required to provide Medicaid coverage for comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women without cost-sharing.
- ✓ States will receive an increased federal match if they cover all U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended services and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended vaccines without cost-sharing.
- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will offer incentives to Medicaid beneficiaries who successfully complete certain healthy lifestyle programs targeting chronic disease risk factors, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes.
- ✓ The Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue guidance to states and health care providers about Medicaid's coverage of childhood obesity-related services and preventive services.

### **Modernizing and Improving Medicaid through Delivery System Reforms**

- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will establish a Medicaid quality measurement program for adults, expanding existing quality measures and identifying priorities for the development and advancement of adult quality measures.
- ✓ There will be no federal payment for Medicaid services related to certain health care acquired conditions.
- ✓ A bundled payment demonstration project will be established for acute care and post-acute care under the Medicaid program.
- ✓ A Medicaid global payment demonstration project for large safety-net providers will allow them to take advantage of a capitated, global payment structure.
- ✓ The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will establish a demonstration project for accountable care organizations to improve care coordination for children in Medicaid and CHIP.
- ✓ A new medical home state option will encourage coordination of care for chronically ill Medicaid beneficiaries.