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# The ACA in Ohio

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# The Impact of the ACA in Ohio

## *On Coverage*

- New mandates on individuals to purchase, employers to provide, and what insurance companies may offer
- New federal Health Insurance Exchange to subsidize health insurance premium costs for individuals 100-400% of poverty
- Extend Medicaid coverage to everyone below 133% of poverty (the Supreme Court decided this provision is optional for states)

## *On the Delivery System*

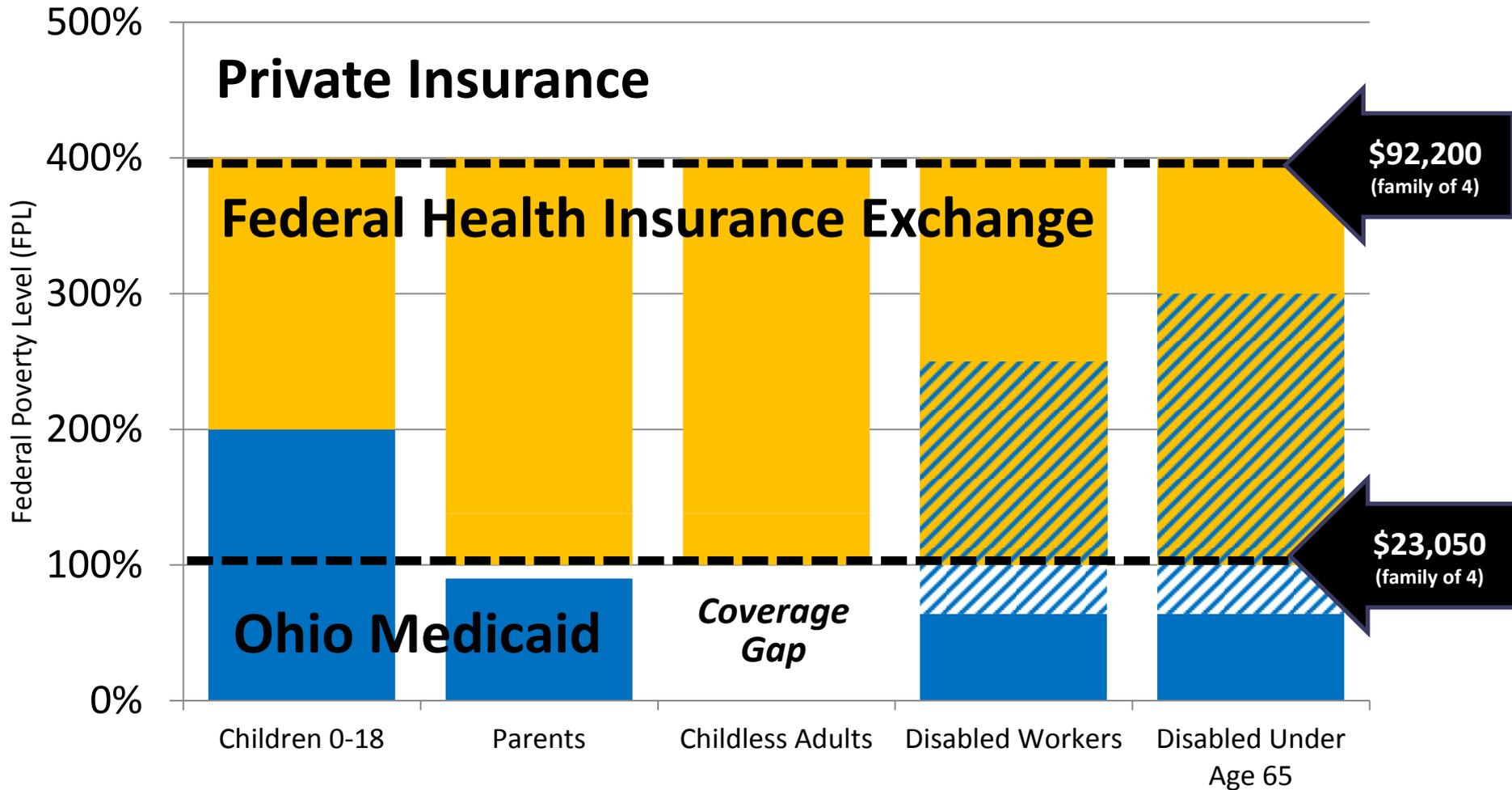
- Increased focus on strategies for better health, better care, and cost savings through improvement

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/timeline/index.html>

# Ohio Health Transformation Plan

Modernize Medicaid	Streamline Health and Human Services	Pay for Value
<i>Initiate in 2011</i>	<i>Initiate in 2012</i>	<i>Initiate in 2013</i>
<p><b>Medicaid Cabinet:</b> OHT (sponsor); AGE, ODH, ADA, MH, DD, Medicaid; with connections to JFS</p>	<p><b>HHS Cabinet:</b> DAS, OBM, OHT (sponsors); JFS, RSC, AGE, ADA, MH, DD, ODH, Medicaid; with connections to ODE, DRC, DYS, DVS, ODI, TAX</p>	<p><b>Payment Innovation Task Force:</b> OHT (sponsor); Medicaid, BWC, DAS, DEV, DRC, JobsOhio, OPERS, ODI, TAX</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eliminate fraud and abuse</li> <li>• Prioritize home and community services</li> <li>• Reform nursing facility payment</li> <li>• Enhance community DD services</li> <li>• <b><u>Integrate Medicare and Medicaid benefits</u></b></li> <li>• Rebuild community behavioral health system capacity</li> <li>• <b><u>Create health homes for people with mental illness</u></b></li> <li>• Restructure behavioral health system financing</li> <li>• Improve Medicaid managed care plan performance</li> <li>• <b><u>Extend Medicaid coverage to more low-income Ohioans</u></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create the Office of Health Transformation (2011)</li> <li>• Implement a new Medicaid claims payment system (2011)</li> <li>• Create a unified Medicaid budget, accounting system</li> <li>• Create a cabinet-level Medicaid Department (July 2013)</li> <li>• Consolidate mental health and addiction services (July 2013)</li> <li>• <b><u>Simplify and replace Ohio's 34-year-old eligibility system</u></b></li> <li>• Coordinate workforce programs</li> <li>• Share services across local jurisdictions</li> <li>• Recommend a permanent HHS structure (coming soon)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in Catalyst for Payment Reform</li> <li>• <b><u>Provide access to medical homes for most Ohioans</u></b></li> <li>• <b><u>Use episode-based payments for acute medical events</u></b></li> <li>• Coordinate health sector workforce and training programs</li> <li>• <b><u>Accelerate electronic health information exchange</u></b></li> <li>• Report and measure performance</li> <li>• <b><u>Support regional payment innovation</u></b></li> </ul>

# Ohio Medicaid and Insurance Exchange Eligibility in 2014



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SOURCE: Ohio Medicaid; Medicaid eligibility as of February 2013; Federal Health Insurance Exchange eligibility as of January 2014; 2012 poverty level is \$11,170 for an individual and \$23,050 for a family of 4; over age 65 coverage is through Medicare, not the exchange.

# Who is Stranded in the Coverage Gap?

- Ohioans with income less than 100% of poverty (\$11,170 for an individual or \$23,050 for a family of four)
- Many work but their employer does not offer or they cannot afford health insurance
- Many work as health care providers for others but don't themselves have coverage
- Many are over age 55 looking for work but finding it difficult
- At least 26,000 are veterans
- Some are unable to work because of mental illness or addiction but have no regular source of care to recover
- ***When these uninsured individuals seek care, often in the emergency room, other Ohioans pay the cost through higher premiums and other indigent care programs***