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# Overview

- Importance of data for policy issues related to ACA implementation
- Recent increases in the number of people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP
- Early findings on:
  - changes in coverage rates
  - demographic and health profile of enrollees
  - access to care and use of services

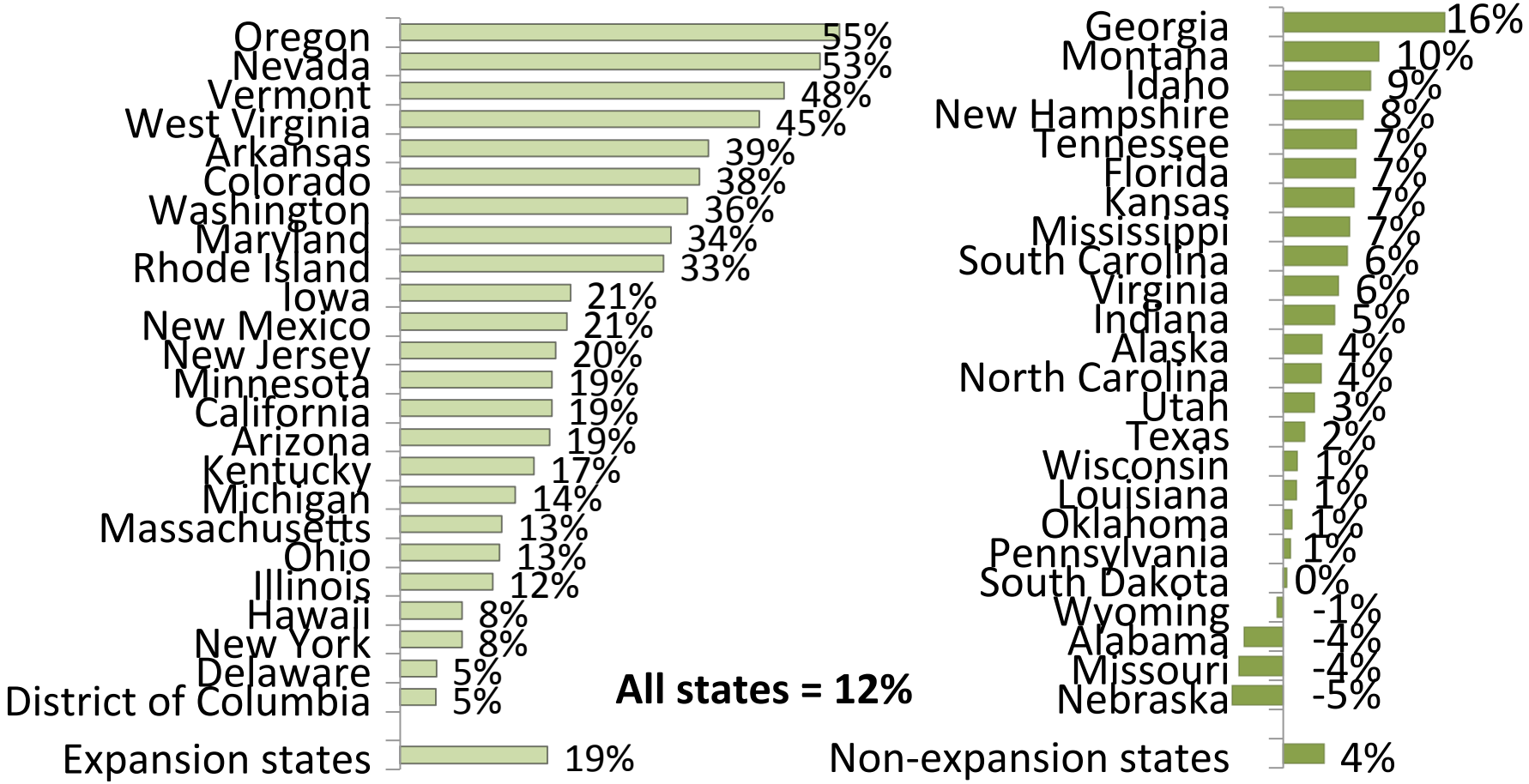
# Data Provide Context for Policy Issues Related to ACA Implementation

- Survey and administrative data inform:
  - beneficiary experiences
  - state and federal budget implications
  - provider impacts
  - managed care growth
- We have basic information now, but detailed data won't be available until 2015 and beyond

# Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Has Increased in Nearly All States

- CMS reports an overall 12 percent increase in enrollment for June 2014 compared to July–September 2013 average monthly
  - 19 percent increase in states that expanded Medicaid to new adult group (9 states with increases exceeding 30 percent)
  - 4 percent increase in non-expansion states (4 states with decreases, 2 states with increases of 10 percent or more)

# Change in Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment, June 2014 Compared to July–September 2013




**Note:** Expansion status is as of June 2014. Data for CT, ME, and ND not available.

**Source:** MACPAC analysis of CMS, *Medicaid & CHIP: June 2014 monthly applications, eligibility determinations and enrollment report*.

# New Federal Administrative Data

| Source | Content and timing |
|---|---|
| Performance indicator enrollment | • Full-benefit Medicaid by child/adult & modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)/non-MAGI status<br>• CHIP enrollment<br>• July–Sep 2013 to present; lag of 1-2 months |
| CMS-64 enrollment | • Medicaid by eligibility group & newly eligible<br>• No CHIP enrollment<br>• Jan 2014 to present; lag of 2-3 months |
| T-MSIS<br>Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System | • Detailed Medicaid eligibility & service use data<br>• Separate CHIP at state option (existing MSIS)<br>• FY 1999 to present (existing MSIS); shorter time lags planned (T-MSIS) |

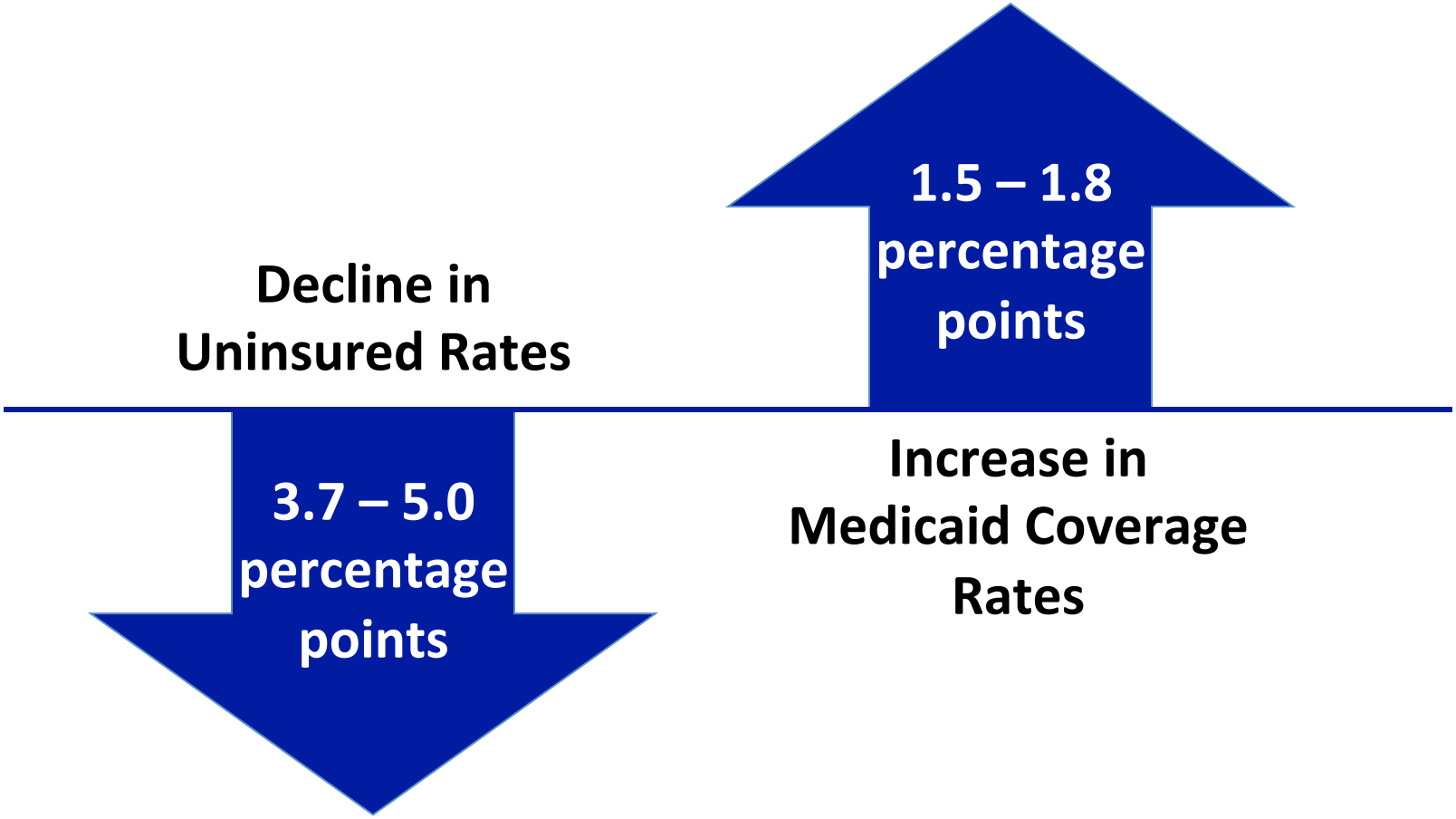
# State Reports Are Mixed

- States releasing data do not always provide details on the new adult population in Medicaid or a clear comparison to previously eligible or enrolled
- Information on health status is largely anecdotal and generally sourced from managed care plans covering the new adult population

# Assessing the ACA's Impact on Coverage

- Beyond enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP, want to know the impact of the ACA on coverage generally
- Survey data will help provide some understanding, but timing varies
  - 2014 data will not be available from federal surveys until 2015
  - Private surveys provide initial assessment

# Decline in the Uninsured and Increase in Medicaid for Adults Seen Across Surveys




**Sources:** Urban Institute Health Reform Monitoring Survey, Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, RAND Health Reform Opinion Study, and Commonwealth Fund ACA Tracking Survey.

# Basic Information Available on Newly Insured Adults

- Private surveys often provide information by newly insured or income status, rather than Medicaid/CHIP status
- Demographic characteristics
  - Coverage gains seen across all groups
  - Variation as to which groups have seen the greatest gains depending on data source
- Health status
  - Newly insured less likely than those with full-year coverage to report poor health

# Newly Insured Are Using Coverage and Reporting Improved Access

- A majority of newly insured adults report using coverage
- More adults report having a personal physician
- Fewer adults report having difficulty paying for care
- Almost half of newly insured adults report having no routine visit in the past year

# More Detailed Federal Survey Data Will Be Available Starting Early Next Year

- National Health Interview Survey
  - Early release has enrollee characteristics; more detailed access measures later in 2015
  - For examples, see March 2014 MACStats Tables 18 & 24–27, June 2014 Tables 2–10
- American Community Survey and Current Population Survey in 2015
- Medical Expenditures Panel Survey and Survey of Income & Program Participation in 2016

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