



# State Flexibility Overview



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# Overview

- Commission work to date
- Upcoming work
  - Medicaid state plan requirements and options
  - State responses to fiscal pressures
  - Mandatory and optional enrollment and spending

# Addressing Growth in Medicaid Spending: State Options

- Chapter 2 of our June 2016 report
- Described the policy levers that states use to control Medicaid spending:
  - Managing enrollment
  - Limiting benefits
  - Determining provider payments
  - Changing delivery systems
  - Strengthening program integrity

# Medicaid State Plan Requirements and Options

- Reference document that provides an overview of state requirements and options under current law in the following areas:
  - Eligibility
  - Enrollment and renewal procedures
  - Benefits
  - Cost sharing
  - Delivery system design
  - Premium assistance
  - Provider payments
- Where available, it includes state adoption of the various options

# State Responses to Fiscal Pressures

- Building off the June 2016 chapter, this analysis highlights how nine states have responded to recent budget shortfalls
- Describes the specific changes proposed, the amount of money that was estimated to be saved or revenue gained from each, and the policies adopted

# Mandatory/Optional Enrollment and Spending

- Requested in a January letter from MACPAC's congressional committees of jurisdiction
- Today, we will:
  - Review the request and the findings from previous analyses of this topic
  - Provide a brief overview of our methodology
  - Pose a few key assumptions for comments
  - Begin to discuss what the findings could suggest to policymakers
- In April, we will present findings for discussion



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