

Protecting Healthcare: Updates on Federal and State Issues During the August Recess

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Agenda

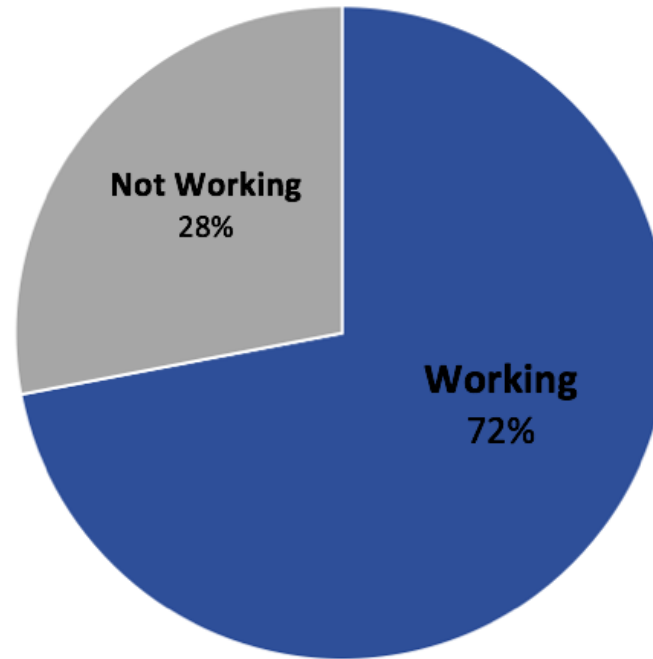
- Current Healthcare Advocacy Landscape
- Pennsylvania House Bill 59
- Cost Sharing Reductions
- Private Insurance Market Stabilization
- Federal Budget
- Open Enrollment: November 1st- December 15th

Healthcare Advocacy Landscape

Federal	State
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal Budget• Cost Sharing Reductions*• Private Insurance Market Stabilization*• Outreach and Enrollment• Individual Mandate Enforcement• CHIP Reauthorization• Health Center Funding• Zombie Healthcare Bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Budget• House Bill 59*• Rates for the 2018 Plan Year• Bills to Re-structure Medicaid• Surprise Medical Bill legislation

Adults and Work in Pennsylvania's Medicaid

% Households



Looking for Work

Retired

4%

In School

8%

Caring for Others

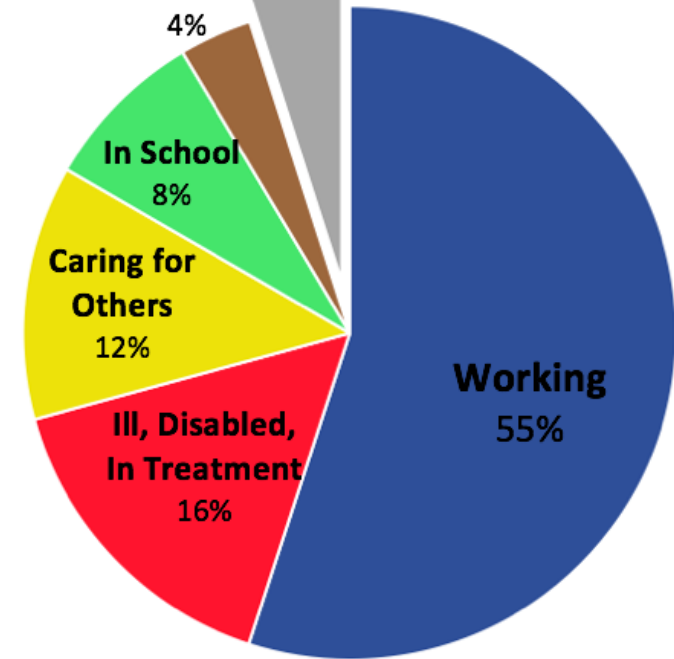
12%

Ill, Disabled, In Treatment

16%

5%

% Individuals



Pennsylvania House Bill 59

Work Requirements	Benefit Cuts	Future Changes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would increase the administrative costs of Medicaid Expansion by nearly 50%, not including IT changes or education and training programs• Lots of red tape for those who are working• Many wrongful terminations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optional services include: dental, vision, podiatry, hospice, chiropractic care, and case management.• Hardest hit: behavioral and mental health clinic services, crisis services, family based services, and peer supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More benefit cuts• Reduced access to health centers, family planning providers• Elimination of nonemergency transportation• Eligibility reductions• More red tape, more government hoops

Those Cut from Medicaid

People Cut from Medicaid

79,741 would lose coverage, 78% of those losing coverage are unable to work.



People between the ages of 45-64:



Women:



- Hardest hit are those who are ill, disabled, or in treatment.
- A lot of money and effort will be spent on finding only 17,543 “abled-bodied” adults (1% of total adults enrolled) from the program

Impact of HB59

- Big expansion of government administrative costs for little return on investment
- Long delays in processing (budgets cut 11.1%)
- Likely 1 in 5 would lose access to key benefits needed to be healthy
- People are “pushed off the health cliff” unable to work or get the care they need
- Little increase in workforce participation
- Approach would be “penny wise, pound foolish”



Cost Sharing Reductions

What Are They?

- Additional help to lower out-of-pocket costs on plans for low income adults in the Marketplace
- Cover people below:
 - HH1: \$29,700
 - HH2: \$40,050
 - HH3: \$50,400
 - HH4: \$60,750

In Pennsylvania:

- In 2017, 233,663 people or 55% of Marketplace enrollments received cost sharing reductions
- In 2016, valued at \$214M or about \$949 per enrollee

Cost Sharing Reductions

What They Do?

- Lower deductibles, on average, by \$2,286
- Lower out-of-pocket maximums by \$3,845
- Keep rates low
 - 8.8% increase with
 - 23.6% increase without

What's Happening?

- Administration threatening to stop the payments and is no longer fighting to keep them.
- Congress could appropriate the money.
- NEEDED: Stories

Market Stabilization

- Pennsylvania is important to the bipartisan “Problem Solvers Caucus” in the House.
 - Members include: Costello, Dent, Fitzpatrick, Smucker, and Thompson
- Goals
 - Lock-in cost sharing reductions
 - Create a stability fund to lower premiums
 - Increase the small business coverage requirement from 50 to 500 employees and define full-time as 40 hours/week
 - Repeal the medical device tax
 - Advance the ACA’s 1332 waivers and cross state lines compacts

Market Stabilization

- What we can do? Use August Recess to talk with Members of Congress about the importance of the Affordable Care Act in Pennsylvania.
- Emphasize that the market in Pennsylvania is already stabilizing and we should continue to support it by enforcing the individual mandate and keeping cost sharing reductions
- Share positive stories about the ACA
- Remain vigilant
- Senate Hearings September 6th and 7th

House Budget

- Overall Cut Medicaid and other health care programs by over \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years.
- Immediately adopt AHCA
- The budget also proposes to cut \$487 billion from Medicare and to privatize the program through vouchers.
- At the same time, the budget resolution includes proposals that would give huge tax breaks for the wealthy and large corporations—and pays for those tax breaks through cuts to social safety net programs including healthcare, SNAP, Pell Grants and many others.
- Like the ACA repeal proposals we've seen this year, the fast-track “reconciliation” process to by-pass regular Congressional process and debate and pass legislative cuts and tax breaks quickly with just a simple majority.

Open Enrollment

- Open Enrollment period cut in half. Nov 1- Dec 15th
- Marketing?
- Cut enrollment help in 18 cities includes Philadelphia
- Further action by the Administration????
- PHAN enrollment team here to help. 877-570-3642

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