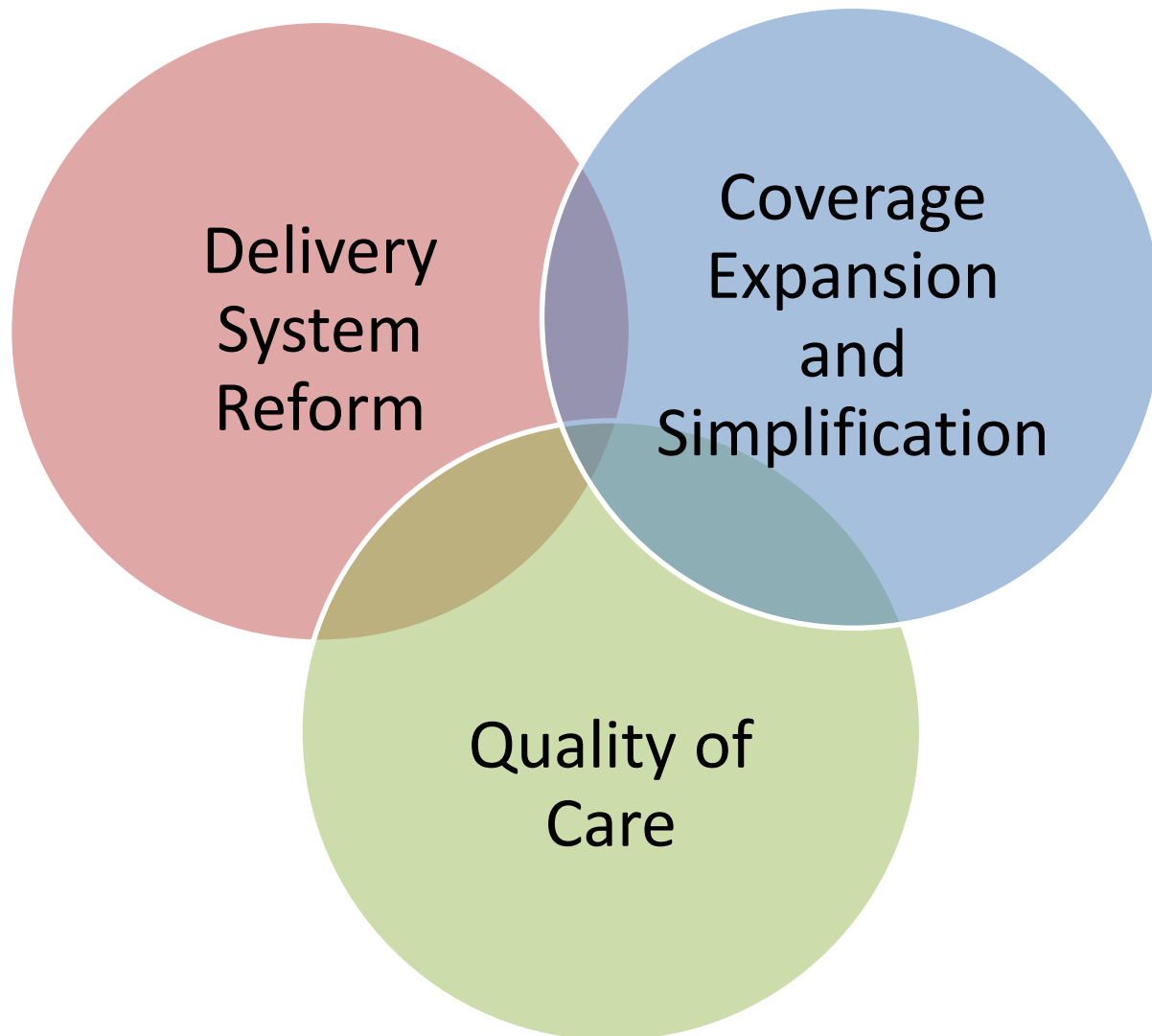# Strengthening Medicaid and CHIP for Children & Families
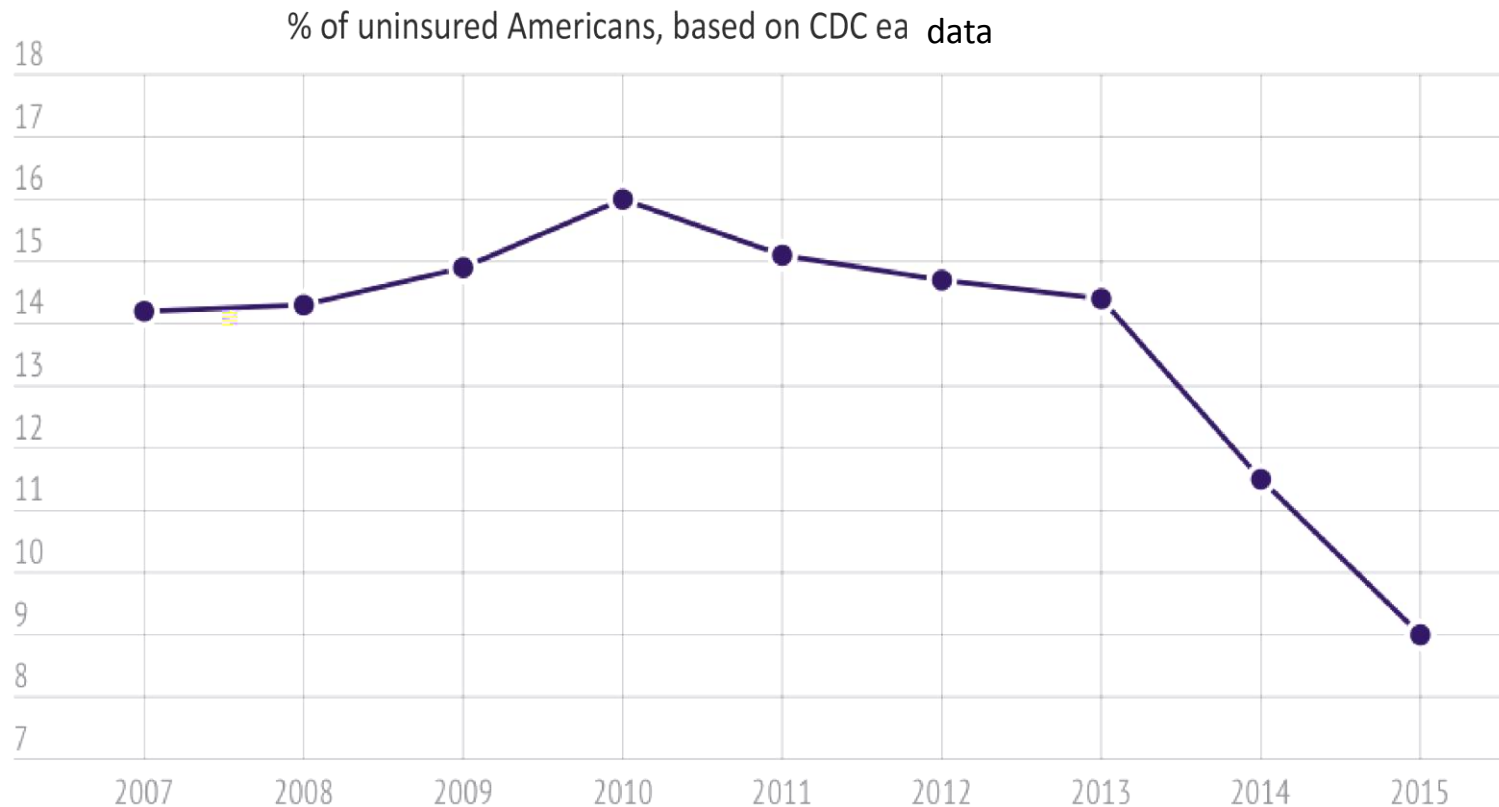
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Medicaid Moving Forward

Uninsured Rate Down to 9%

% of uninsured Americans, based on CDC ea data

Source: CDC National Health Interview Survey

Eligibility Simplification

The ACA has expanded coverage and transformed Medicaid into a modern, 21st Century health insurance program

- Enrollment increase of 15 million relative to open enrollment 1
- Simplified eligibility rules, electronic verification, Marketplace coordination, and modernization of systems = key
- In all states, most enrollment occurs on line, by phone, or at a convenient location
- 37 states are making MAGI eligibility determinations in real time

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Medicaid Expansion
As of June 2016

Legend:
- Expanding Medicaid
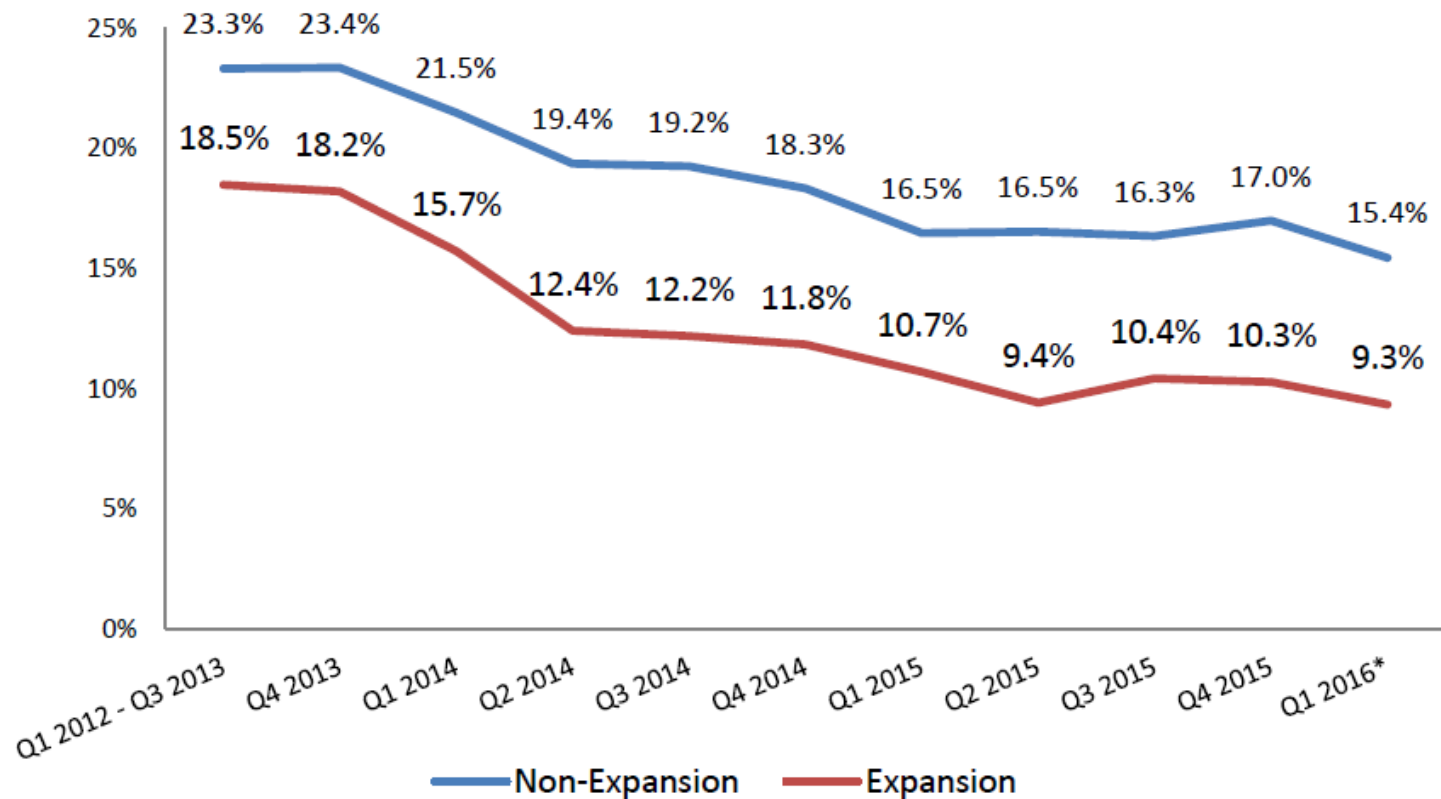- Not expanding Medicaid to date

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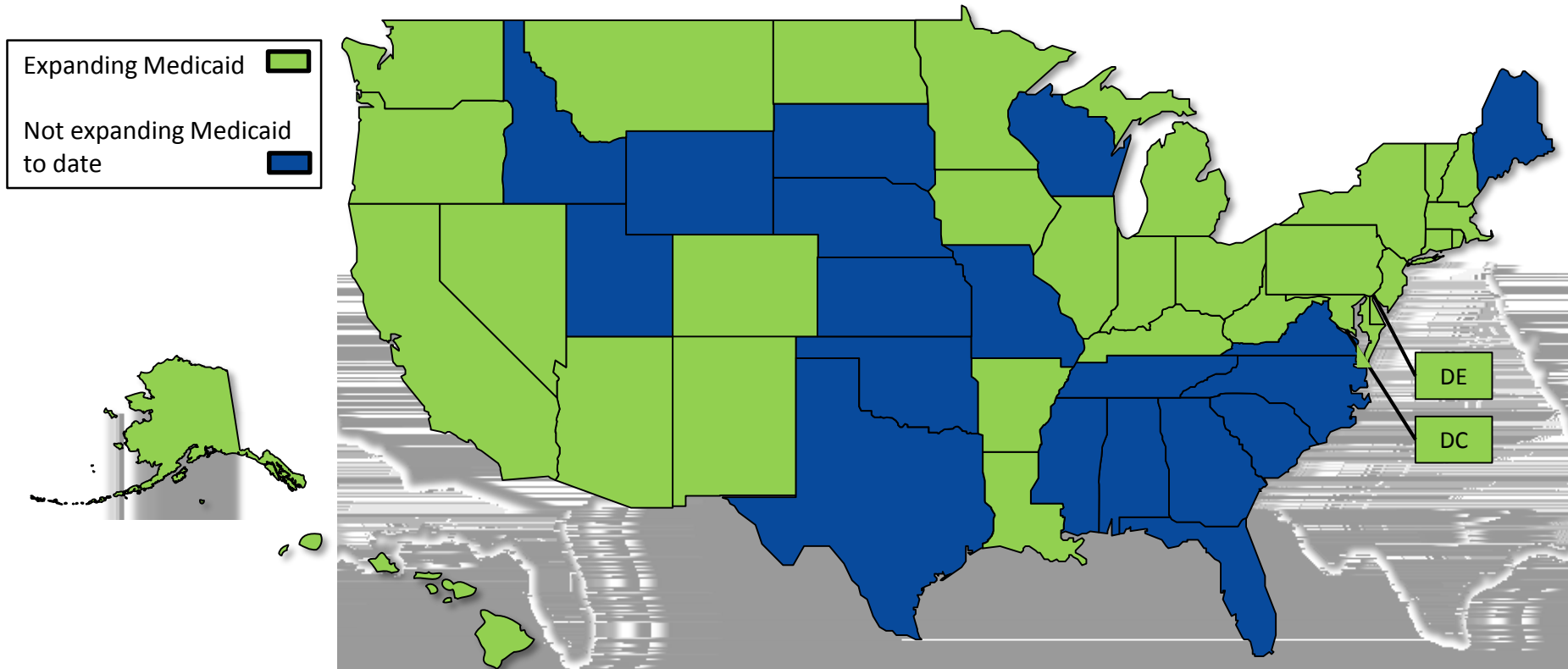
Currently, **31 states + DC** are covering the ACA Medicaid expansion group

Louisiana Using SNAP Data To Enroll Newly Eligible Population Quickly

- Louisiana became 31st state to expand
  - Coverage started July 1
- Consumer-friendly approach will make efficient use of resources by using pre-existing data from SNAP and state programs to determine Medicaid eligibility, without residents having to submit information repetitively
- Louisiana is the first state to be approved to use this enrollment strategy through a state plan amendment
  - Strategy can be used indefinitely and at initial enrollment and annual renewal
- Louisiana has enrolled 253,523 individuals since early June

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Rates of Uninsured Are Lower in Expansion States

Quarterly Uninsured Rate Estimates for Nonelderly Adults (Ages 19 to 64) by Medicaid Expansion Status Using the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, 2012-2016

Impact of Coverage on Access, Affordability and Quality: Research Findings on Medicaid Expansion

- Medicaid expansion is associated with:
  - √ A significant reduction in low-income adults who lack a personal physician
  - √ Increase in individuals with chronic conditions who obtained regular care
  - √ Increase in availability of primary care appointments for Medicaid patients
  - √ Increased diagnosis of chronic conditions and use of prescription drugs
- Medicaid expansion has improved affordability:
  - √ The percentage of low-income adults reporting problems paying medical bills declined
  - √ Unmet health care among low-income adults declined
- Medicaid expansion has provided quality care to new enrollees:
  - √ Nearly two-thirds of adults with Medicaid expansion coverage consider themselves to be better off now than before enrolling in Medicaid
  - √ Over 93 percent of adults are very or somewhat satisfied with their health plans

Medicaid and CHIP: Coverage Has Lasting Benefits

- Yale Study on Children's Medicaid Coverage
  - Kids who received expanded Medicaid benefits in the 80s and 90s were more likely to experience a higher quality of life than those that were uninsured:
    - Higher wages as adults
    - College attendance
    - Reduced risk of premature death

The Rate of Uninsured Children at Historic Low


Rate of Uninsured Children from 2008-2014
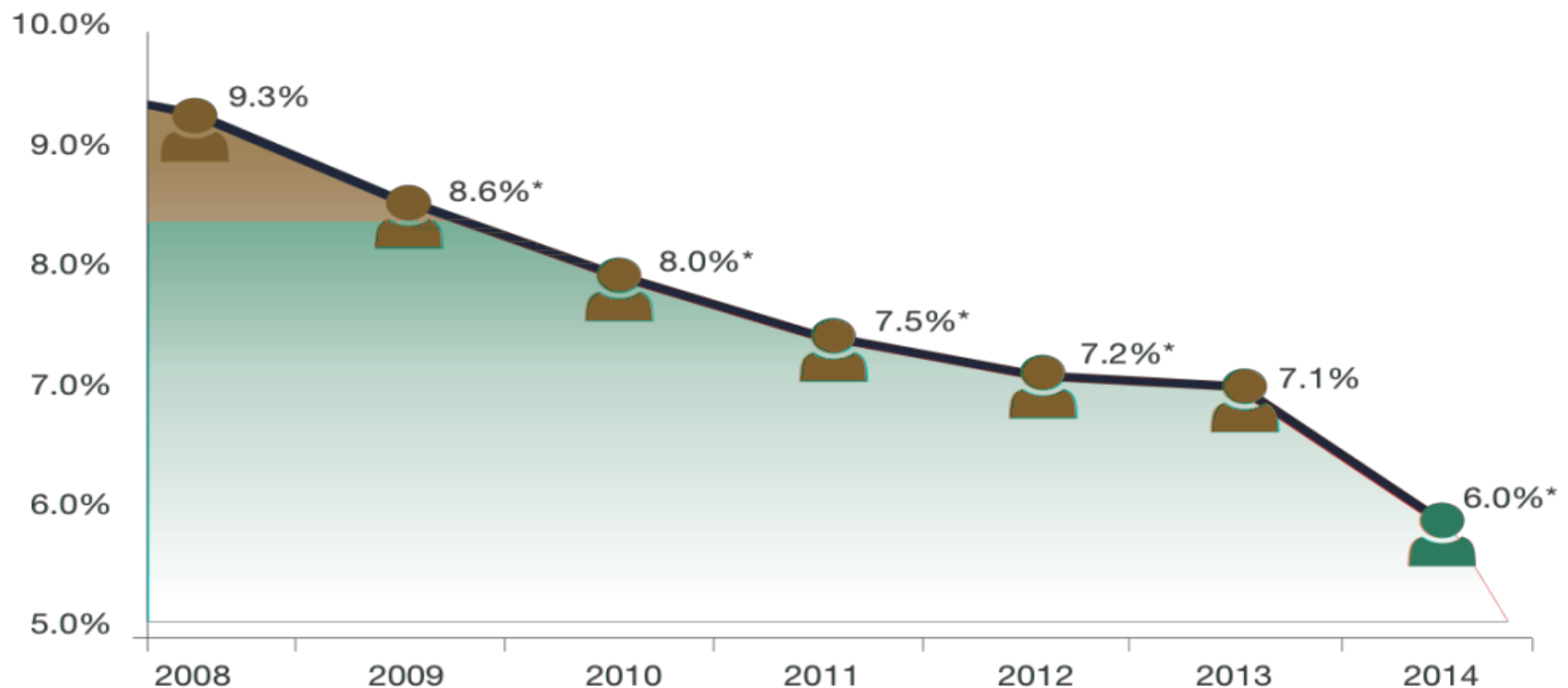
* Change is significant at the 90% confidence level. 2013 was the only year that did not show a significant one-year decline in the national rate of uninsured children.

Source: Children's Health Insurance Rates in 2014: ACA Results in Significant Improvements. Joan Alker and Alisa Chester; Georgetown University Center for Children and Families

Over 90% of Eligible Children Are Enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP

Children's Medicaid/CHIP Participation Rate
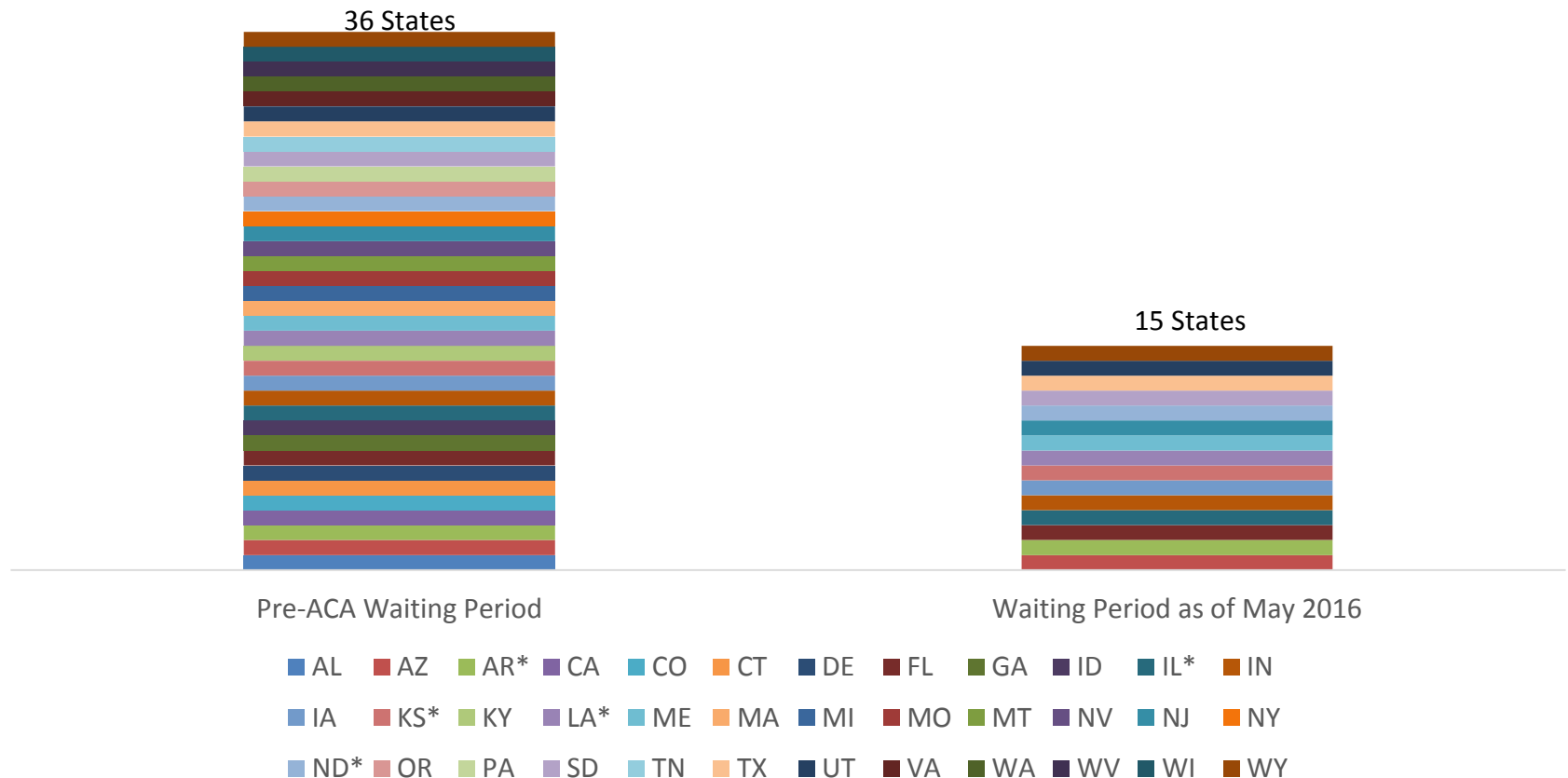
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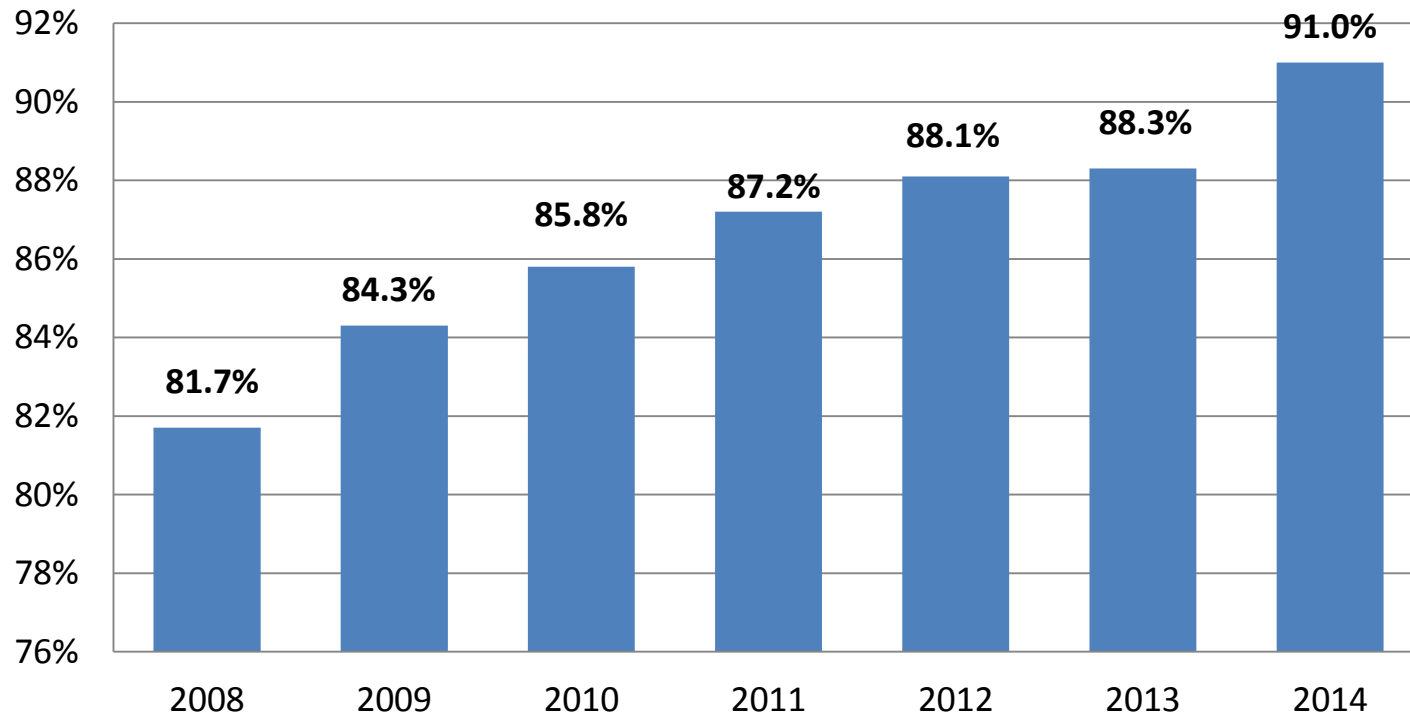
Source: Forthcoming analysis of the Urban Institute Health Policy Center's ACS Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility Simulation Model based on data from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) from 2008 to 2014.
Notes: Estimates reflect an adjustment for the misreporting of coverage on the ACS.

Since Passage of the ACA, 21 States Have Dropped CHIP Waiting Periods

Separate CHIP Waiting Periods, Pre-ACA and as of May 2016

36 States

15 States

Pre-ACA Waiting Period

Waiting Period as of May 2016

Legend: AL, AZ, AR*, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL*, IN, IA, KS*, KY, LA*, ME, MA, MI, MO, MT, NV, NJ, NY, ND*, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY
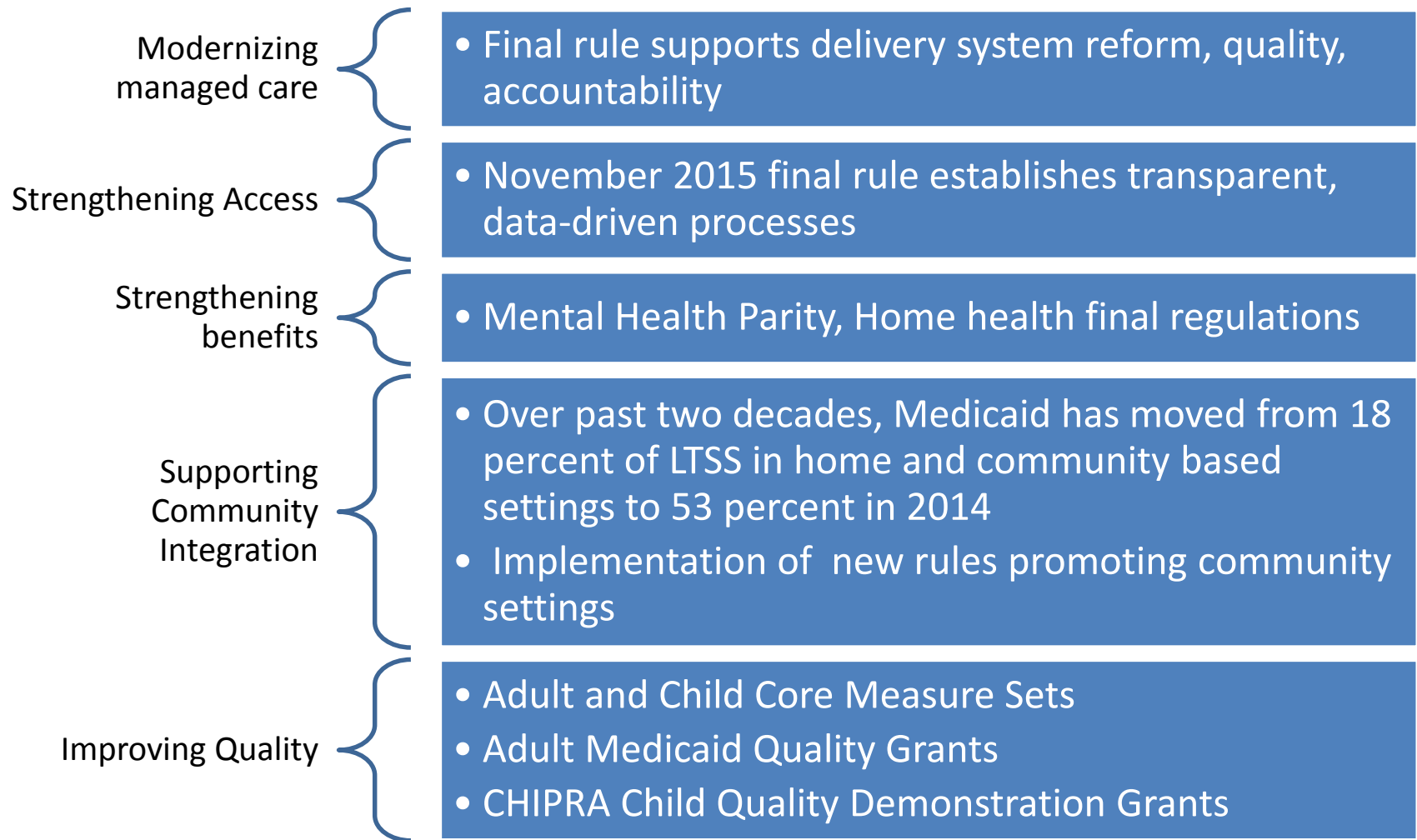
*Denotes states that reduced length of waiting periods, but still maintain them

Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign

- Campaign goals:
  - Create opportunities for families to get eligible kids and teens signed up for coverage – and get help renewing
    - Reach out to eligible parents
  - Work with stakeholders to incorporate health coverage outreach and enrollment activities in their routine activities and provide resources to help organize and conduct outreach
- Recent Grant Awards:
  - $32 million to help 38 community organizations in 27 states enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP
    - States, school districts, and local community organizations from across the country
    - Target harder-to-reach populations and areas in the country where more progress is needed

Building Blocks: Stronger Quality and Systems of Care

Modernizing managed care
- Final rule supports delivery system reform, quality, accountability

Strengthening Access
- November 2015 final rule establishes transparent, data-driven processes

Strengthening benefits
- Mental Health Parity, Home health final regulations

Supporting Community Integration
- Over past two decades, Medicaid has moved from 18 percent of LTSS in home and community based settings to 53 percent in 2014
- Implementation of new rules promoting community settings

Improving Quality
- Adult and Child Core Measure Sets
- Adult Medicaid Quality Grants
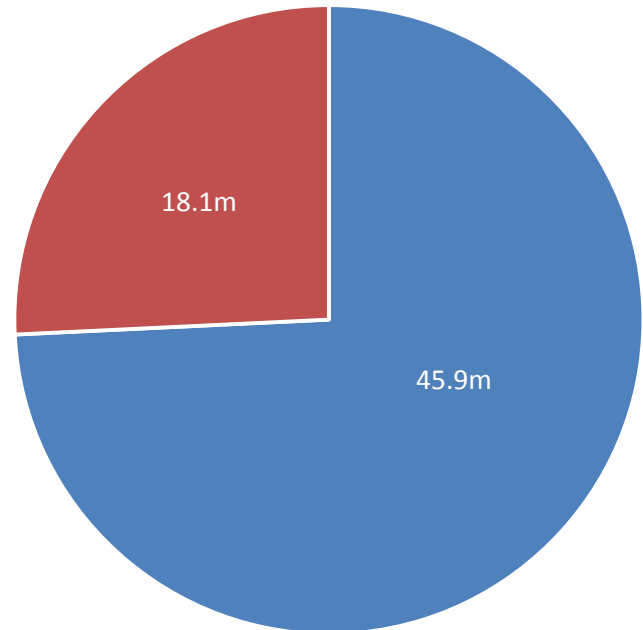- CHIPRA Child Quality Demonstration Grants

The Growing Role of Managed Care in Delivering Care in Medicaid

Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Services Through Capitated Managed Care Plans, 1998

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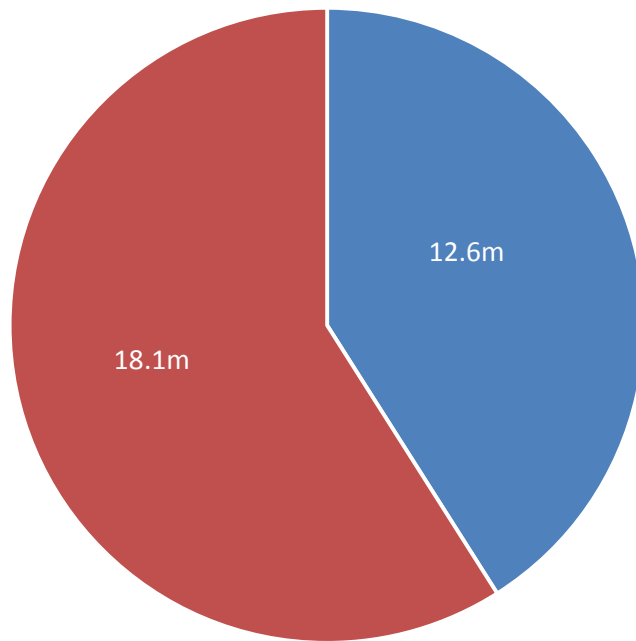
- Managed Care
- Fee-for-Service

Number of Beneficiaries Receiving Services Through Managed Care (includes MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, PCCMs), 2013

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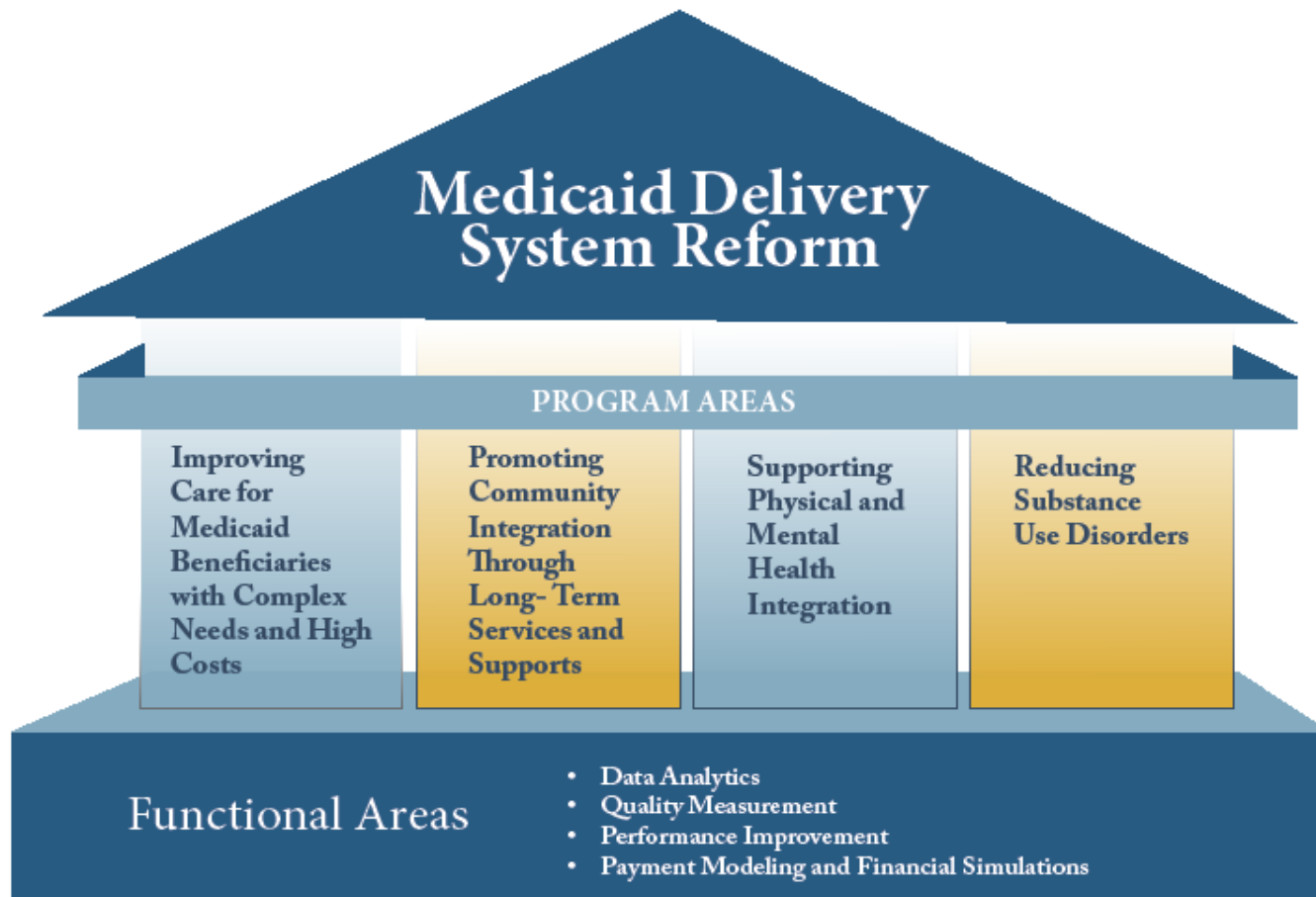45.9m

- Managed Care
- Fee-for-Service

Key Areas of the Managed Care Regulation for Children's Advocates

- **Network Adequacy**: All services need to be accessible and available in a timely manner

  - Pediatric-specific standards for primary care, specialty care, behavioral health, and dental

- **Care Coordination:** Managed care plans must comprehensively assess and create a treatment plan for Medicaid enrollees identified as needing LTSS or having special health care needs

  - Managed care plans must have a mechanism in place to allow enrollees to directly access a specialist as appropriate for the enrollee's condition and identified needs

- **Transparency:** At enrollment, State must provide notices to explain implications of enrollees' choices and all disenrollment opportunities

  - Provide contact information for the Beneficiary Support System

  - State created definitions for key terms, model handbook, and notice templates for use by managed care plans

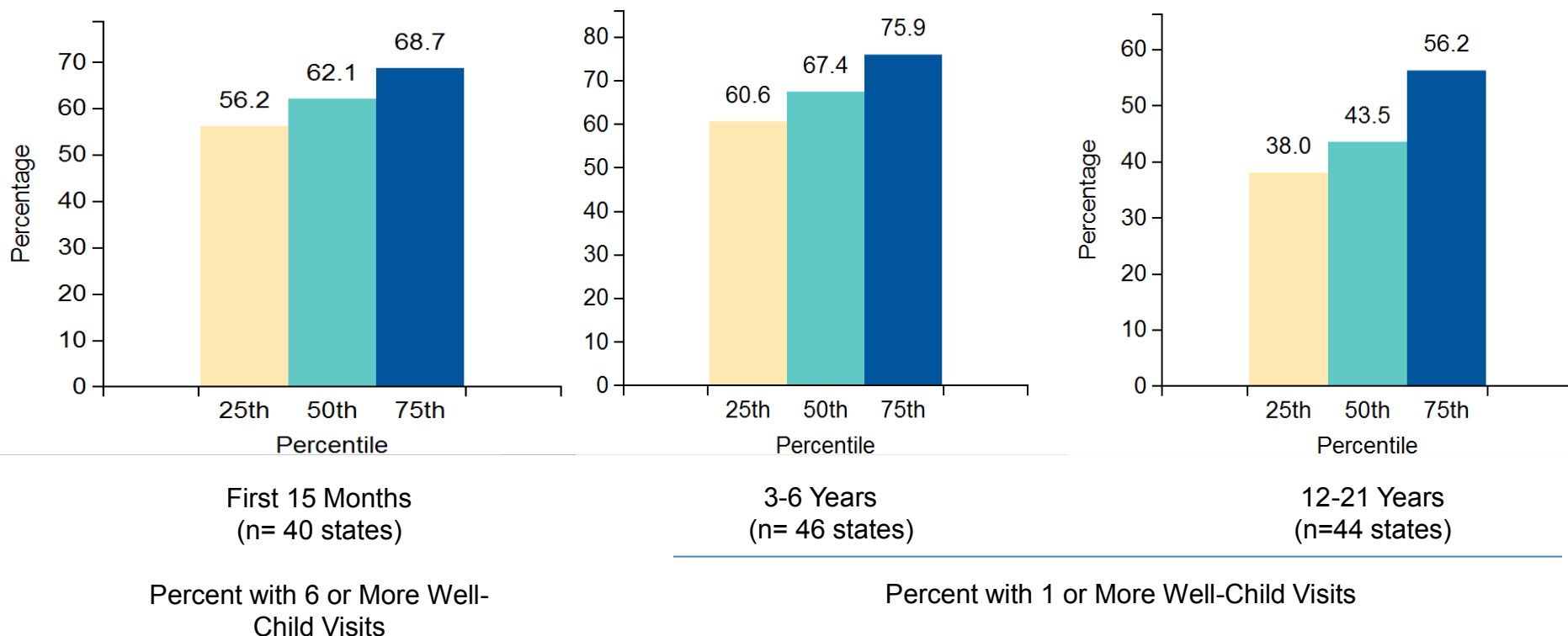# Medicaid Delivery System Reform: Evolving Payment Authorities

- States are using value-based payments:
  - Episode-based payments
  - Population-based payments
  - Additional payments in support of delivery system reform
- Health homes
- Delivery System Reform Incentive Pools
- Shared Savings and Integrated Care Models
- State Innovation Models
- MACRA's Quality Payment Program

Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP)

Medicaid Delivery System Reform

PROGRAM AREAS

Improving Care for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Complex Needs and High Costs

Promoting Community Integration Through Long-Term Services and Supports

Supporting Physical and Mental Health Integration

Reducing Substance Use Disorders

Functional Areas
- Data Analytics
- Quality Measurement
- Performance Improvement
- Payment Modeling and Financial Simulations

Well-Child Visit Rates
FFY 2014

First 15 Months
(n= 40 states)

Percent with 6 or More Well-
Child Visits

3-6 Years
(n= 46 states)

12-21 Years
(n=44 states)

Percent with 1 or More Well-Child Visits

Continuing to Move the Needle on Kids Coverage

- Enrolling harder-to-reach populations

- Continued progress on Medicaid expansion

- Improvement of state systems and additional process simplifications

- Continued attention to building stronger systems of care and quality measurement and improvement