

The Affordable Care Act: Improving Public Health and Eliminating Disparities

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Principles & Objectives

- ❑ Discuss ways the ACA expands access to health care
- ❑ Discuss ways the ACA improves health care coverage
- ❑ Discuss ways the ACA improves public health



The Network for Public Health Law



The screenshot shows the homepage of The Network for Public Health Law. At the top left is the logo and tagline: "The Network for Public Health Law. Ideas. Experience. Practical answers." To the right is a navigation menu with links: Home, About the Network, Network Resources, Public Health Law Topics, Join the Network, Get Technical Assistance, and The Network Blog. Below the navigation is a large banner with the headline "THE NETWORK FOR PUBLIC HEALTH LAW IS THE SOURCE TO" followed by a bulleted list: "Ask legal questions", "Get and share information", "Find resources", and "Make connections". To the right of the list is a photo of a young child in a car seat. Below the photo is a call to action: "Injury Prevention and Safety" with a "LEARN MORE" button and a "SHARE THIS" button. Below the banner are two main sections: "Join the Network" (Connect, share and access public health law resources) and "Ask a Question" (Get practical, expert legal assistance — at no cost). At the bottom, there are three columns: "WHAT'S NEW" (Public Health News, Network Blog, Events), "Public Health Law Resources" (with a photo of three children), and a footer area.

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- Make connections

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WHAT'S NEW

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS **NETWORK BLOG** **EVENTS**

A Fresh New Network Image

The Network has a new name, brand and Web site!

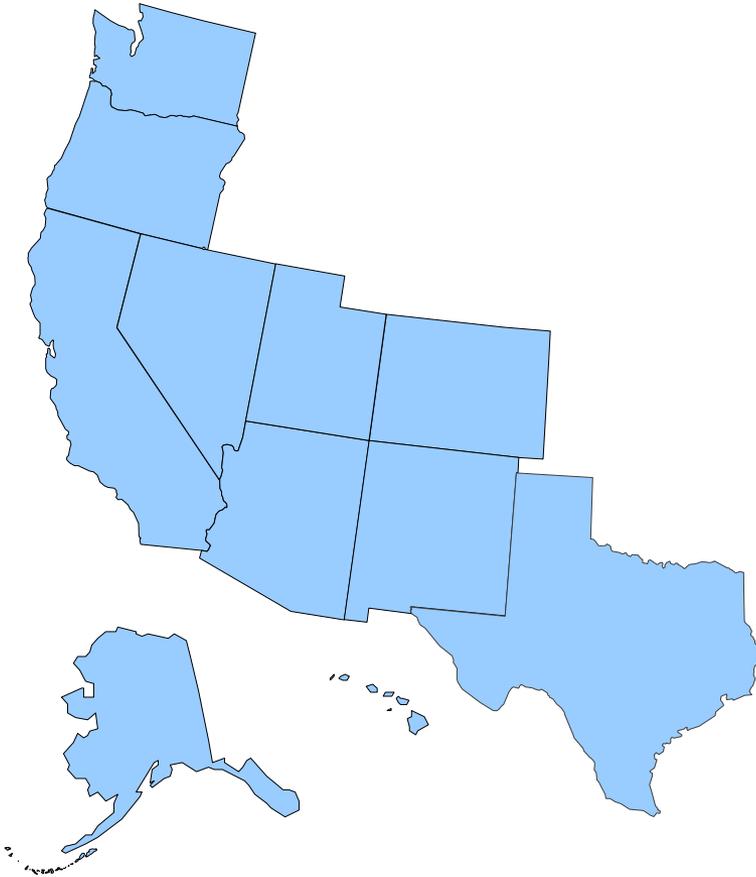
- **A refocused name:** A subtle name change to "**The Network for Public Health Law**" places an emphasis on "network" and the importance of connecting and collaborating.
- **Renewed visuals:** A fresh brand identity conveys an effective, practical approach to public health law.
- **Easy-to-use Web site:** Take a tour through the new Web site to

Public Health Law Resources

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Join the Network at No Cost

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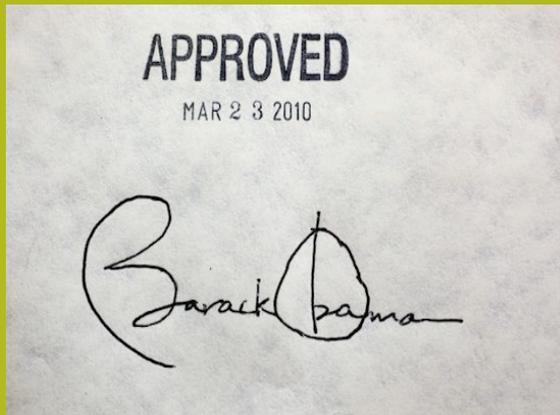
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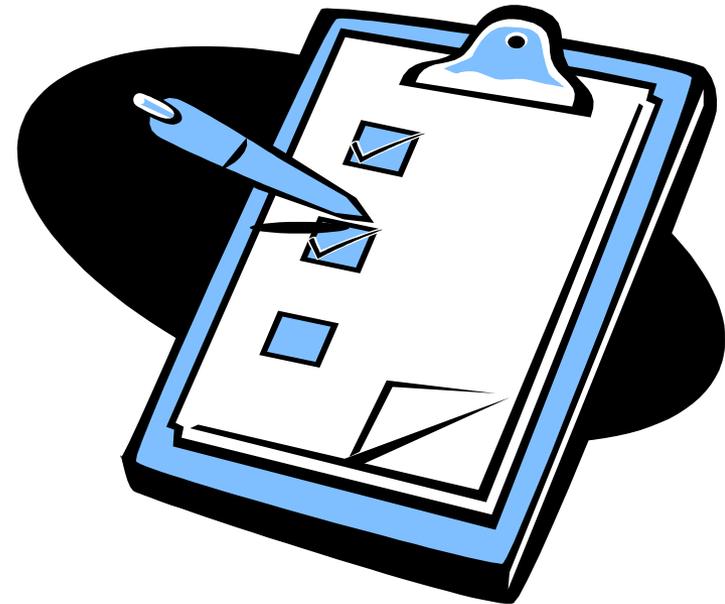
Update 2010
 Update 2011



Brief Overview of the ACA



ACA Implementation Timeline of Major Provisions



Year 1 & 2 – 2010-2012



Coverage through age 26



Rejection of pre-existing conditions for children



No lifetime or annual limits



Free annual wellness visits



Underserved areas practice bonus



Brand-name drug discount for Medicare

Year 4 - 2013/2014



Coverage of pre-existing conditions



No annual caps on benefits



Health insurance exchanges



Delayed until 2015:
Employers must provide health insurance plans



Individuals must purchase health insurance

National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius



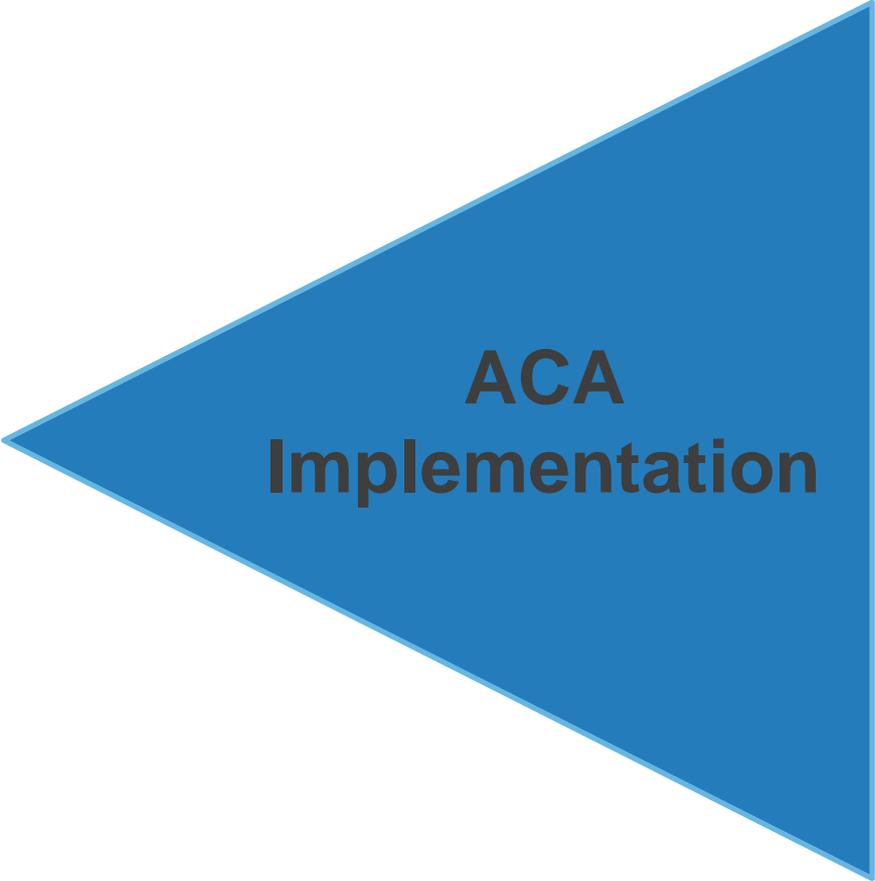
Source: Washington Post, October 25, 2010

- ❑ Individual mandate is upheld under the taxing and spending clause
- ❑ Medicaid expansion is upheld, but voluntary

Improving Access to Health Care



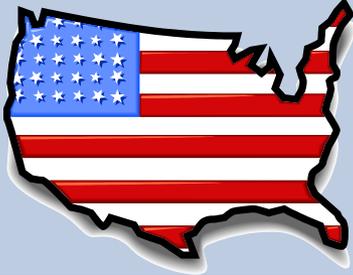
Expanding Access



ACA Implementation

- ❑ Medicaid expansion
- ❑ Health insurance exchanges
- ❑ Community health centers (\$11 billion)
- ❑ Incentives for primary care practitioners
- ❑ Small business tax credits

Three Types of Exchanges



State
Based
Exchange



State and
Federal
Partnership
Exchange



Federally
Facilitated
Exchange
(default)

Health Insurance Exchanges

What The New Exchange Could Look Like

Health Insurance Companies	 Bronze • Lower monthly cost • Higher costs when you receive medical services	 Silver • Monthly costs can run higher than Bronze • Lower medical costs	 Gold • Highest monthly cost • Lower costs when you receive medical services
	3 plans from \$262.15 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$375.10 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$455.07 Total Monthly Cost
	3 plans from \$265.81 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$371.26 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$454.05 Total Monthly Cost
TUFTS  Health Plan	3 plans from \$279.73 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$337.98 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$483.14 Total Monthly Cost
	3 plans from \$336.22 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$485.00 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$638.61 Total Monthly Cost
	3 plans from \$354.00 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$478.00 Total Monthly Cost	3 plans from \$630.00 Total Monthly Cost

Figure 1.2 Source: Massachusetts Health Connector, Business Express Exchange. <https://businessexpress.pivot.com>

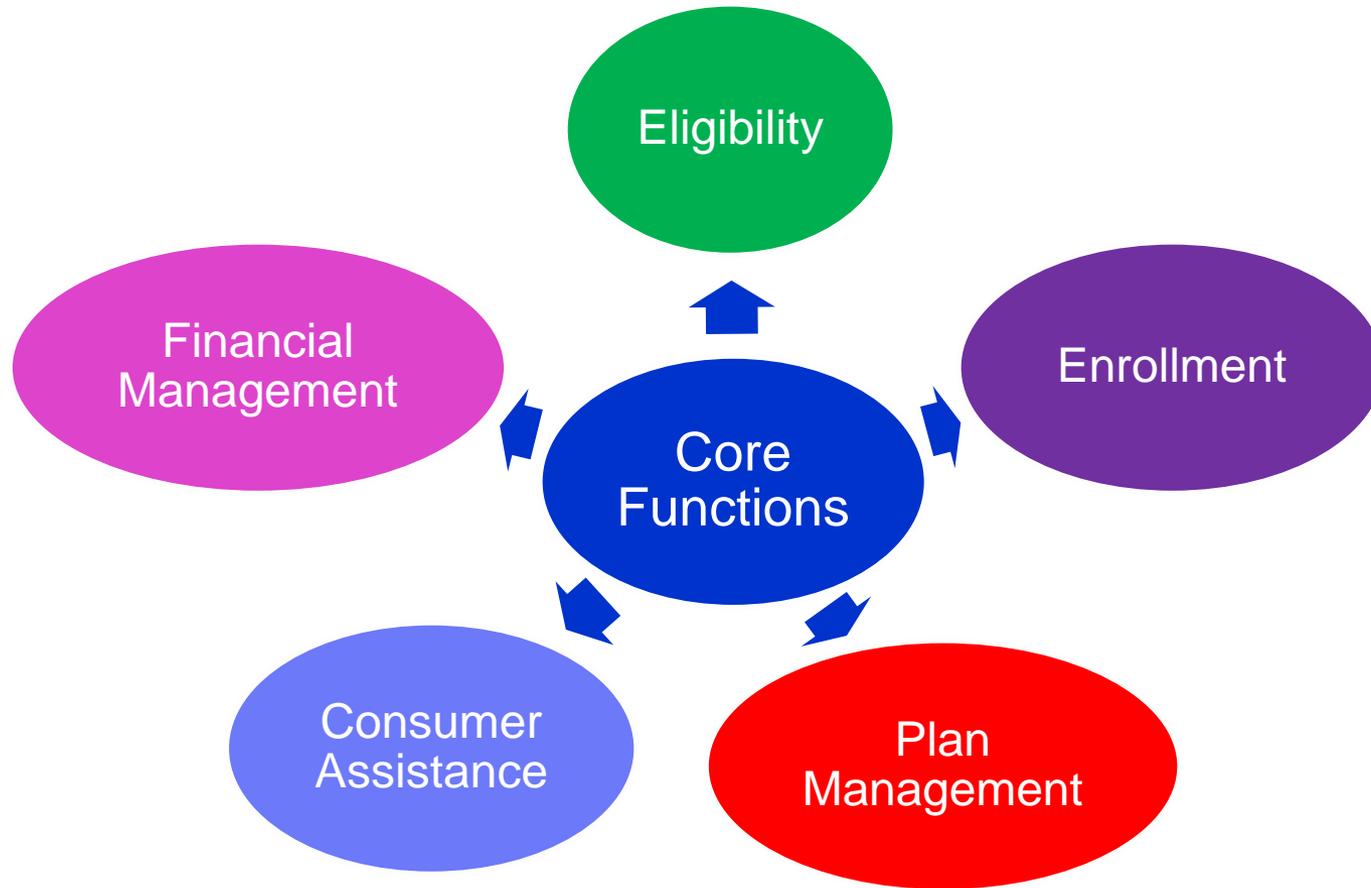


Arizona's Health Insurance Exchange



The screenshot shows the HealthCare.gov website interface. At the top left is the "HealthCare.gov" logo. To its right are navigation tabs for "Learn" and "Get Insurance", and a language selector for "Español". Below these are menu items for "Individuals & Families", "Small Businesses", and "All Topics" with a dropdown arrow. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area features a large image of a smiling woman. Overlaid on the left side of this image is the text: "The Health Insurance Marketplace is coming soon". Below this text is a sub-headline: "A new way to get affordable coverage launches October 1." followed by "Answer a few questions to learn if you qualify for lower costs." A prominent green button labeled "START NOW" is positioned below the text. At the bottom of the page, there is a dark grey footer with the text "GET IMPORTANT NEWS & UPDATES" on the left, an "Email Address" input field in the center, and a "SIGN UP" button on the right.

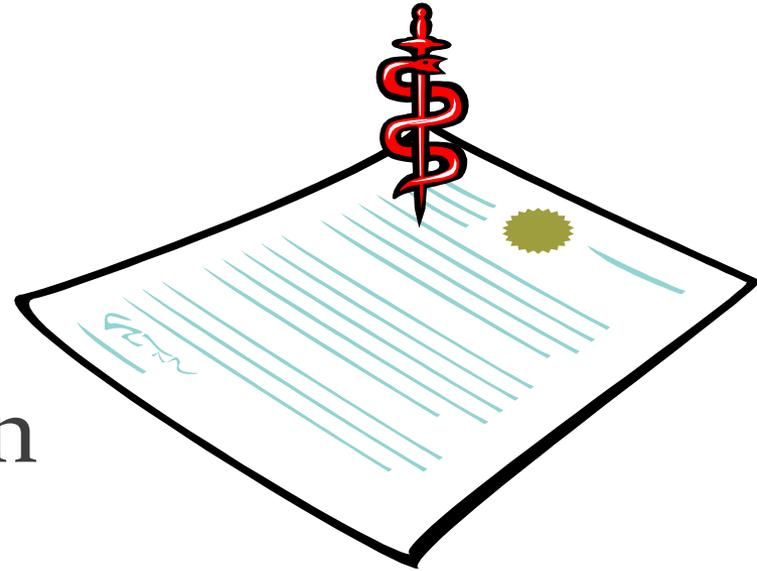
Health Insurance Exchanges



Slide Credit: Daniel Orenstein, J.D.

Medicaid Expansion

- ❑ The Affordable Care Act
 - ❑ 133% FPL (138% FPL)
- ❑ No Partial Expansion Permitted



Federal Poverty Levels - 2013

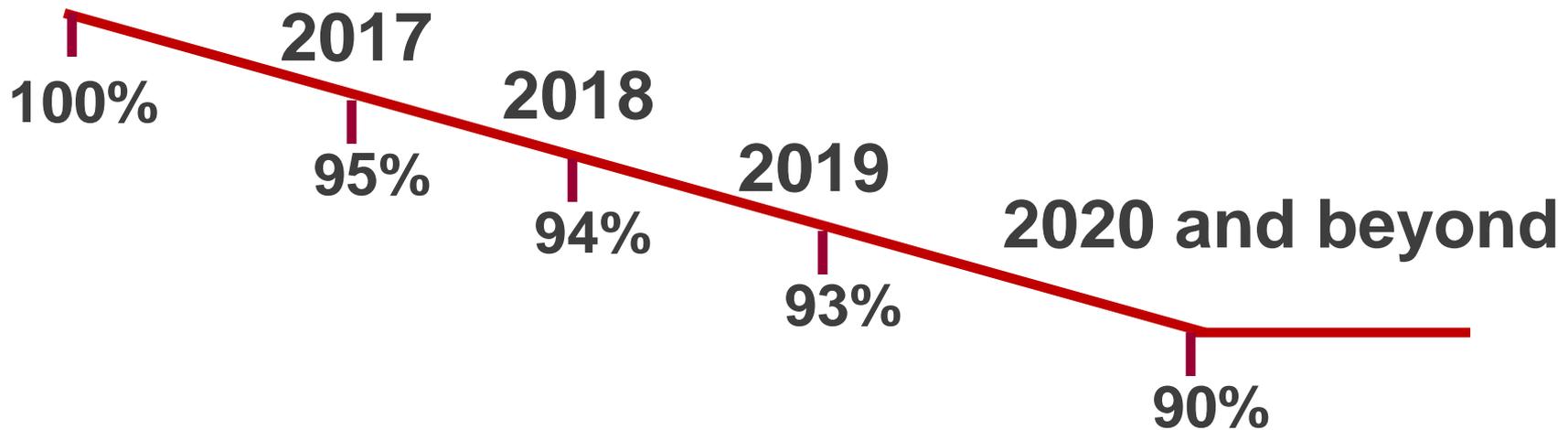
Percentage of FPL	Poverty guidelines – Family of 4
100%	\$23,550
133%	\$31,321
138%	\$32,499

Source: HHS, <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/13poverty.cfm>



Medicaid Expansion

Until 2016



Expanding Medicaid in Arizona

AHCCCS Enrollment frozen in July 2011

Number of enrollees

» **Then: 220,000 adults enrolled**

» **Now: 82,000 adults enrolled**

Source: Testimony of Thomas J. Betlach, AHCCCS Director, Before the Arizona House Appropriations Committee, <http://www.azahcccs.gov/publicnotices/Downloads/appropstestimonyGovsplan.pdf>



AHCCCS Expansion

Restore AHCCCS coverage for
approximately **250,000** adults



AHCCCS Expansion

57,000

**New enrollees from
100% to 133% FPL**

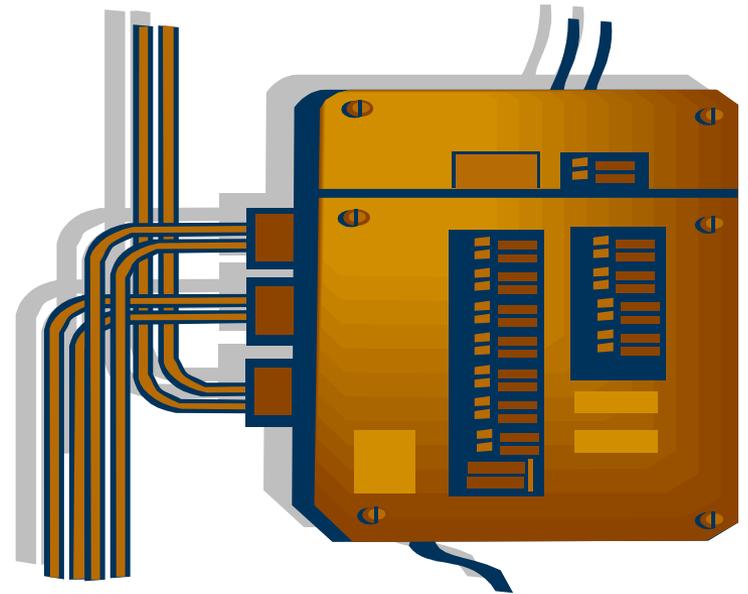


Source: Myth Busters: Facts and Fiction about the Governor's Medicaid Plan,
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/publicnotices/Downloads/MythBusters.pdf>



“Circuit Breaker” Provision

- Freezes coverage if federal reimbursement rate for newly eligible enrollees drops **below 80%**



Ryan White & The ACA

The ACA will:

- Improve access to private health insurance**
- Improve access to Medicaid in states who expand eligibility**
- Improve quality of health insurance coverage**



Improving Health Care Coverage



Increasing Coverage



- ❑ **Limit discrimination**
- ❑ **Prohibit lifetime limits**
- ❑ **No co-pays for prevention**
- ❑ **Retain children on parents' insurance to age 26**
- ❑ **Individuals must obtain basic health insurance**
- ❑ **Employers must provide health insurance plans**



Essential Benefits All Health Insurers Must Cover:

- Women's preventative care/screening**
- Preventative and wellness services**
- Maternity and newborn care**
- Mental health**
- Prescription drugs
- Emergency services
- Hospitalizations
- Outpatient care
- Laboratory services
- Rehabilitation/habilitation services and devices



Maternal and Child Health Services

- ❑ **No coverage denial for pre-existing conditions (including pregnancy or prior cesarean section delivery)**
- ❑ **Breastfeeding breaks**
- ❑ **CHIP eligibility level frozen until 2019**



Improving the Public's Health



Preventative Services for the Individual

- ❑ Access to preventative services
- ❑ Medicaid tobacco cessation treatment for program women
- ❑ Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation drugs



Creating Healthy Communities & Workplaces

- ❑ Break time for nursing mothers
- ❑ Workplace wellness grants and initiatives
- ❑ Community transformation grants
- ❑ Community workforce grants
- ❑ Community and school based health centers



Developing a Healthier Nation

- ❑ Prevention and Public Health Fund
- ❑ National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council
- ❑ Access to diabetes and oral preventative services
- ❑ Nutrition labeling
- ❑ Development of a national strategy to improve health care and public health services



School-based health centers (SBHC)

- ❑ Partnership between school and community health organization
- ❑ Primary care, mental health care, substance abuse counseling, case management, dental health, nutrition education, health education and health promotion
- ❑ \$200 million from 2010–2013



Community Health Centers

- ❑ Community Health Center Fund
- ❑ \$1.5 billion from 2011-2015 for construction and renovation
- ❑ \$9.5 billion from 2011-2015 to:
 - ❑ Create new centers
 - ❑ Support existing center operations
 - ❑ Expand primary health care and preventive services
- ❑ Arizona received **\$2.3 million** in grant money



Arizona Community Health Centers

Recovery Act Funding for Community Health Centers in Arizona

Health Center Grantee Name	City	Zip Code	Grantee Identified Congress'l District	New Access Point Services	Increased Demand for Services	Capital Improvement Construction Program	Facility Investment Construction Program	Health Information Technology Awards Round 1	Health Information Technology Awards Round 2	Grand Total	
Ajo Community HC	Ajo	85321	07		\$125,830	\$344,080				\$469,910	
Canyonlands Community Health Care	Page	86040	01		\$288,738	\$894,490	\$1,840,695			\$3,023,923	
Chiricahua Community HC	Elfrida	85610	08		\$427,791	\$846,785				\$1,274,576	
Clinica Adelante, Inc.	Surprise	85374	02		\$541,672	\$1,427,855				\$1,969,527	
El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood HC	Tucson	85745	07		\$870,169	\$2,500,000		\$621,874	\$1,000,000	\$4,992,043	
Marana HC	Marana	85653	08		\$392,961	\$1,276,025				\$1,668,986	
Maricopa County	Phoenix	85007	04		\$238,718	\$456,185				\$694,903	
Mariposa Community HC, Inc	Nogales	85621	07		\$346,866	\$937,540				\$1,284,406	
Mountain Park HC	Phoenix	85042	04		\$655,634	\$1,938,575				\$2,594,209	
Native American Community HC, Inc.	Phoenix	85021	04	\$1,300,000	\$101,000	\$250,000				\$1,651,000	
North Country Healthcare, Inc.	Flagstaff	86004	01	\$1,300,000	\$450,304	\$1,437,515	\$7,433,776			\$10,621,595	
Sun Life Family HC	Casa Grande	85230	04		\$368,865	\$1,247,850				\$1,616,715	
Sunset Community HC	Somerton	85350	07		\$255,878	\$940,655				\$1,196,533	
United Community HC, Inc.	Green Valley	85614	08		\$226,841	\$795,545				\$1,022,386	
Wesley Community Center Inc	Phoenix	85034	04	\$1,300,000	\$101,000	\$250,000				\$1,651,000	
Yavapai County Community Health Services	Prescott	86301	01		\$255,166	\$585,160				\$840,326	
					\$3,900,000	\$5,647,433	\$16,128,260	\$9,274,471	\$621,874	\$1,000,000	\$36,572,038

Source: HRSA, <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/hrsa/arizona.html>



Conclusion

- ❑ Special thanks to Chase Millea and Kellie Nelson for their contributions
- ❑ For more information, please visit networkforphl.org
- ❑ *Questions, comments, thoughts?*
- ❑ **Thank you!**

