



U.S. HEALTH CARE FINANCING

Ten Key Concepts for an Informed Health Care Conversation

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Ten Key Concepts

1 U.S. spends \$4 trillion annually on health care: Where does it go? Who pays?

2 US compares unfavorably in spending and “value” to other OECD countries

3 Health Care Triple Aim: A way to define value

4 Population Health:
Health ≠ Health Care ≠ Health Insurance

5 Most health care is financed by insurance. Why?

6 Health systems and insurance in the U.S. are complicated and contribute to poor value

7 The way the US pays for the “uninsured” is inefficient and leads to poor outcomes

8 Affordability:
Cost = Volume x Price (+ admin costs)

9 Pay for Value not Volume

10 A Health Care Policy Home Run: The Four Bases (implications for primary care)

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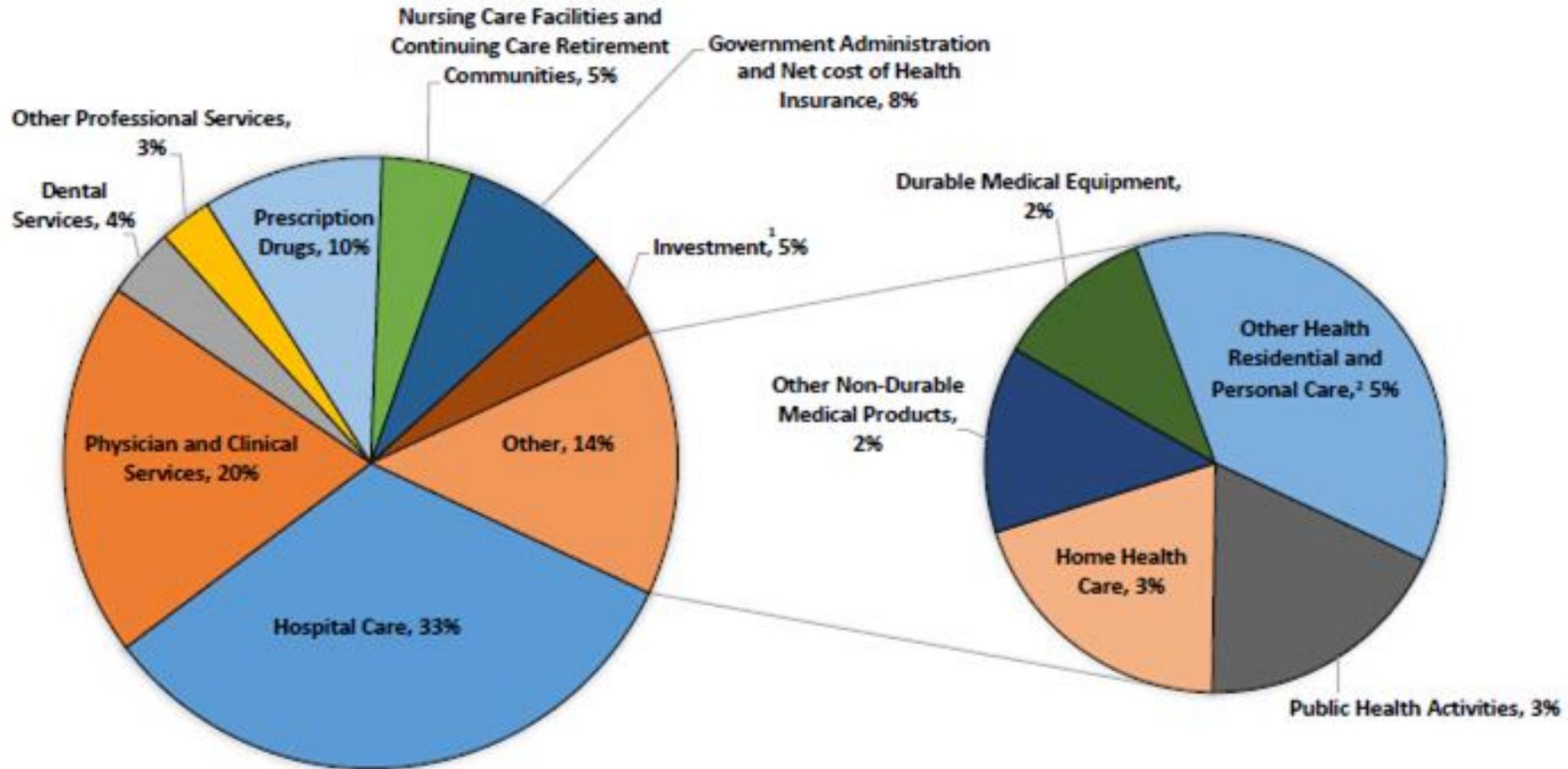
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1. U.S. Spends \$4 trillion annually on Health Care: Where does it go?



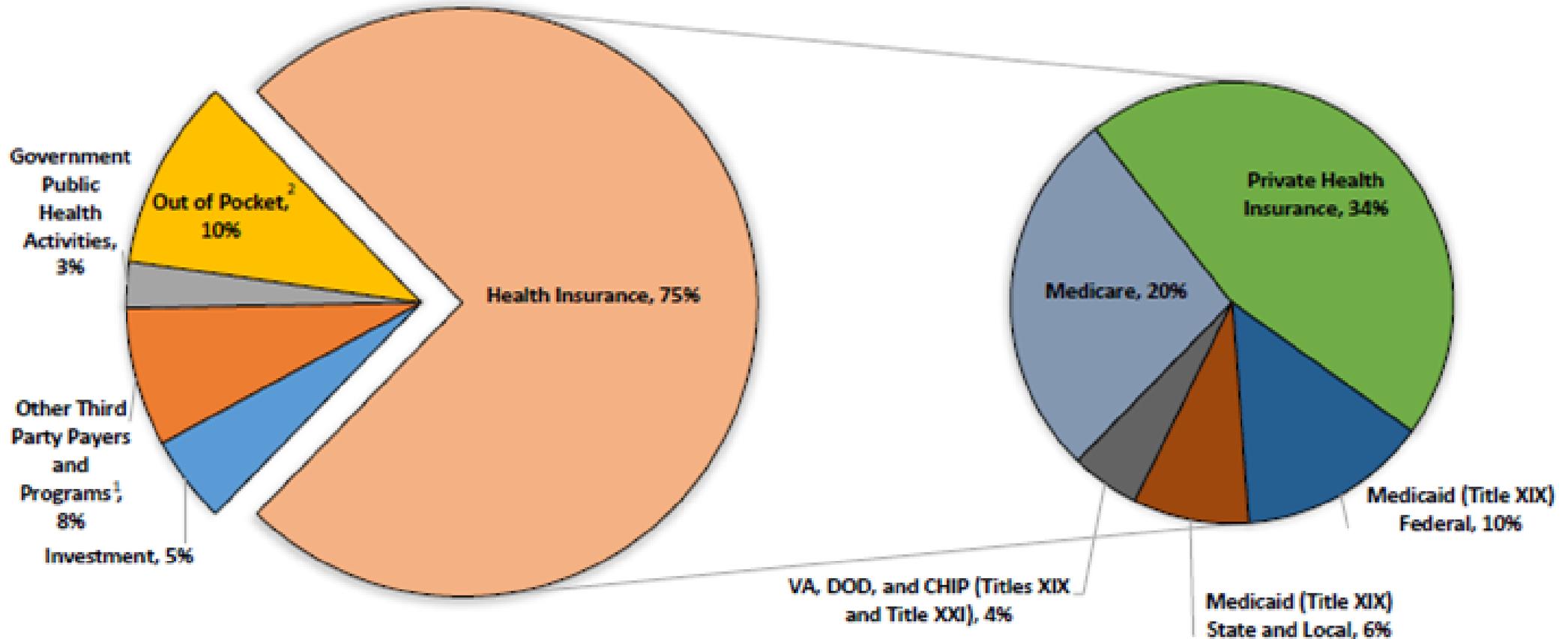
Includes Noncommercial Research and Structures and Equipment.

Includes expenditures for residential care facilities, ambulance providers, medical care delivered in non-traditional settings (such as community centers, senior citizen centers, schools, and military field stations), and expenditures for home and Community Waiver programs under Medicaid.

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1. U.S. Spends \$4 trillion on Health Care:

Where does it come from?



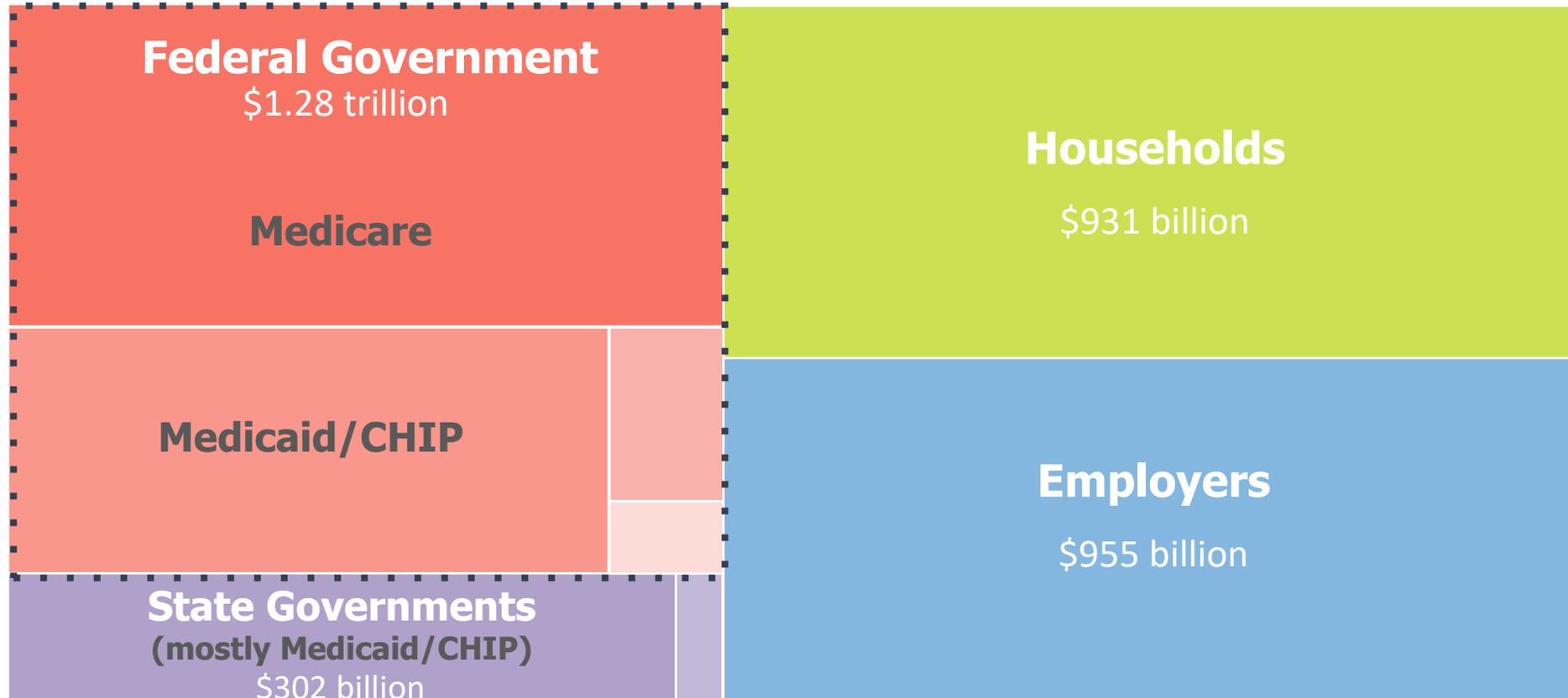
Includes worksite health care, other private revenues, Indian Health Service, workers' compensation, general assistance, maternal and child health, vocational rehabilitation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, school health, and other federal and state local programs.

Includes co-payments, deductibles and any amount not covered by health insurance.

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1. Who Pays for Our Health Care?

\$3.7 trillion annually under current law



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US compares unfavorably in spending and “value” to other OECD countries

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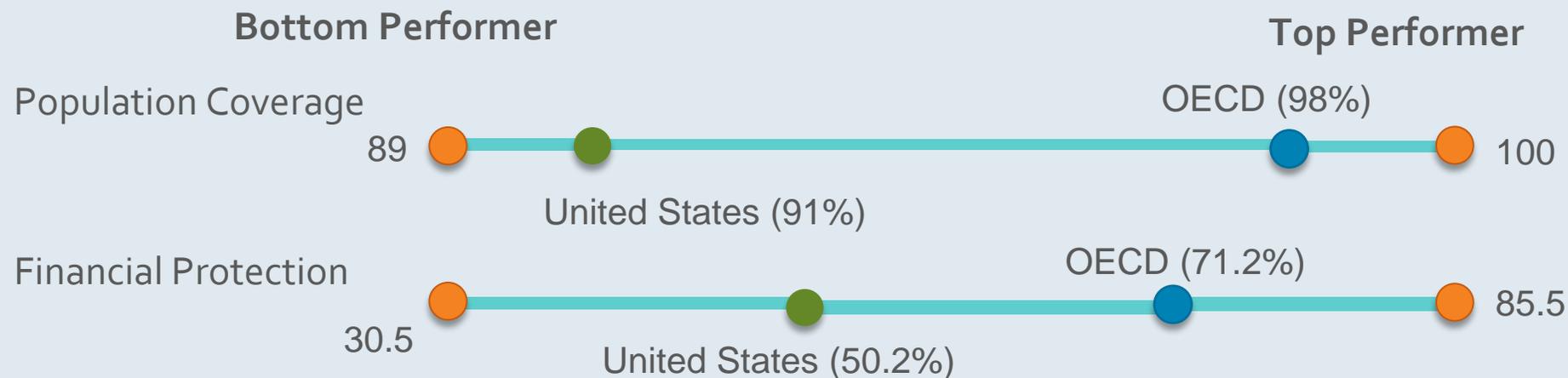
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2. US Spends More than Other Countriesbut Gets Less

Health Care Resources

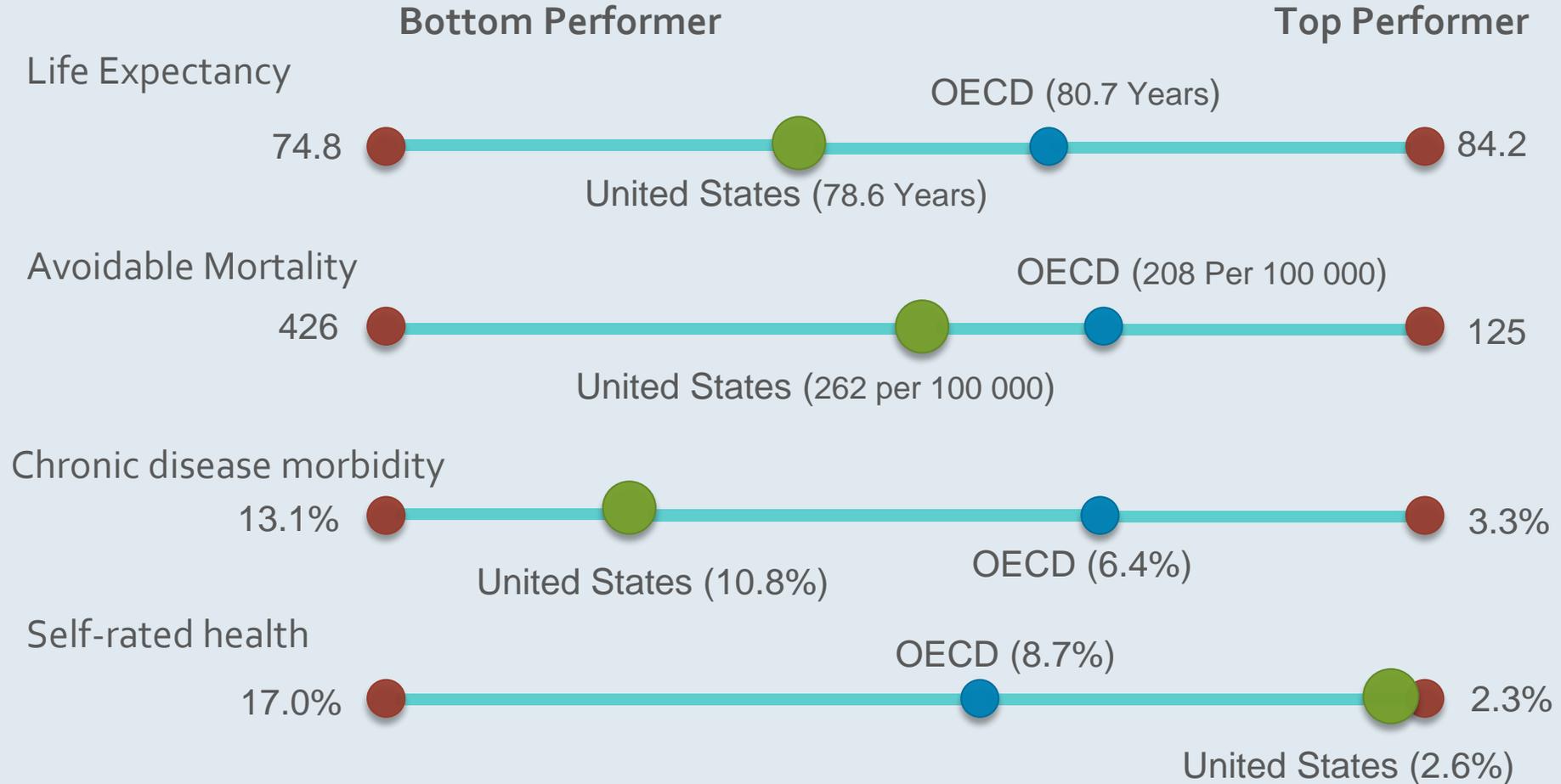


Access to care



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Health Status



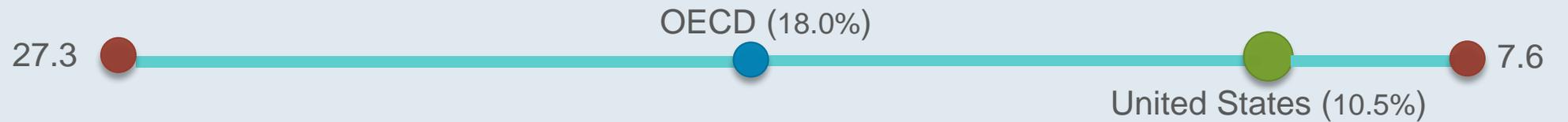
2. US Spends More than Other Countriesbut Gets Less

Risk Factors

Bottom Performer

Top Performer

Smoking



Alcohol



Overweight/Obese



Air pollution



2. US Spends More than Other Countriesbut Gets Less

Quality of Care

Bottom Performer

Top Performer

Effective Primary Care



Effective Secondary Care



Effective Cancer Care



Source: OECD Health at a Glance 2019, 36 countries

US has the best “repair shop” but under-invests in prevention and primary care.

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3 Health Care Triple Aim: A way to define value

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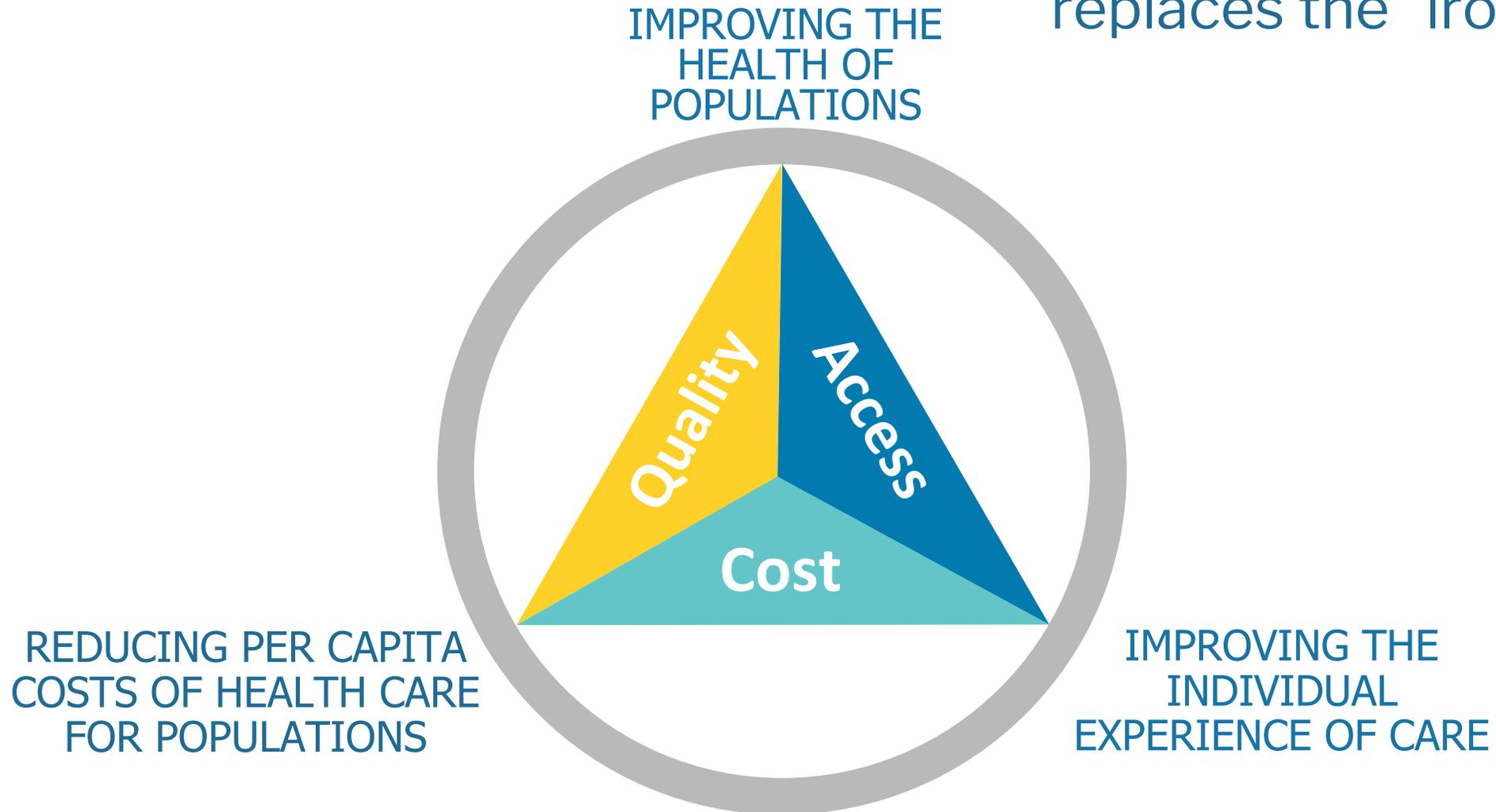
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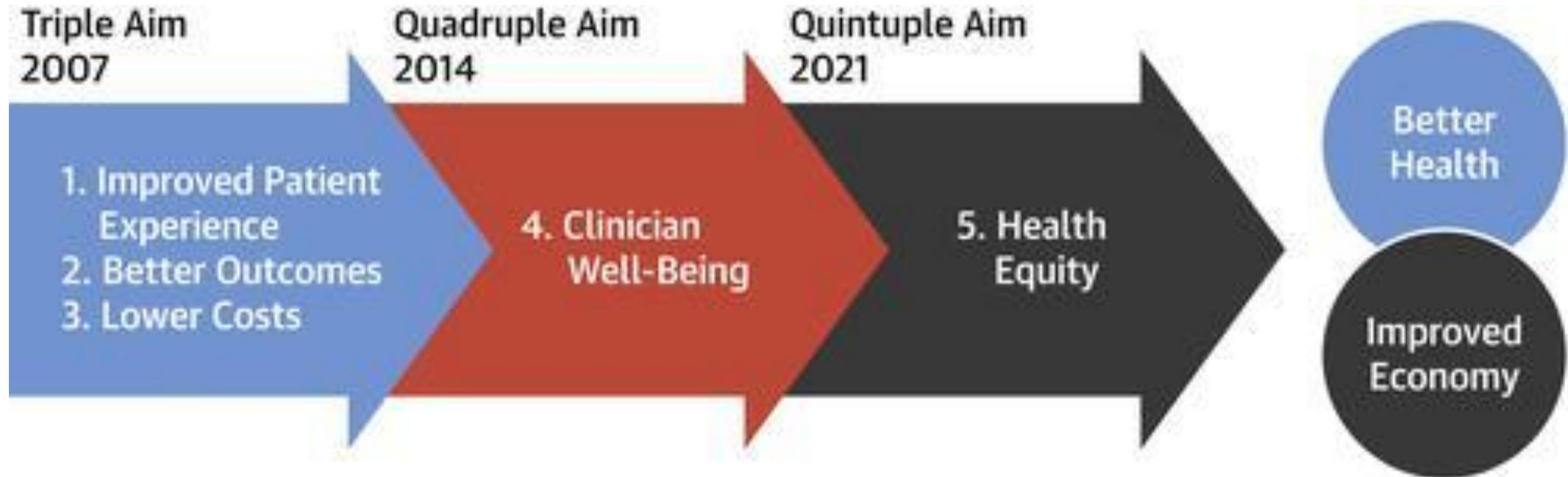
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3. The Health Care Triple Aim:

Simultaneous improvements
replaces the “iron triangle”



3. From Triple to Quintuple Aim



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Population Health:
Health ≠ Health Care ≠ Health
Insurance

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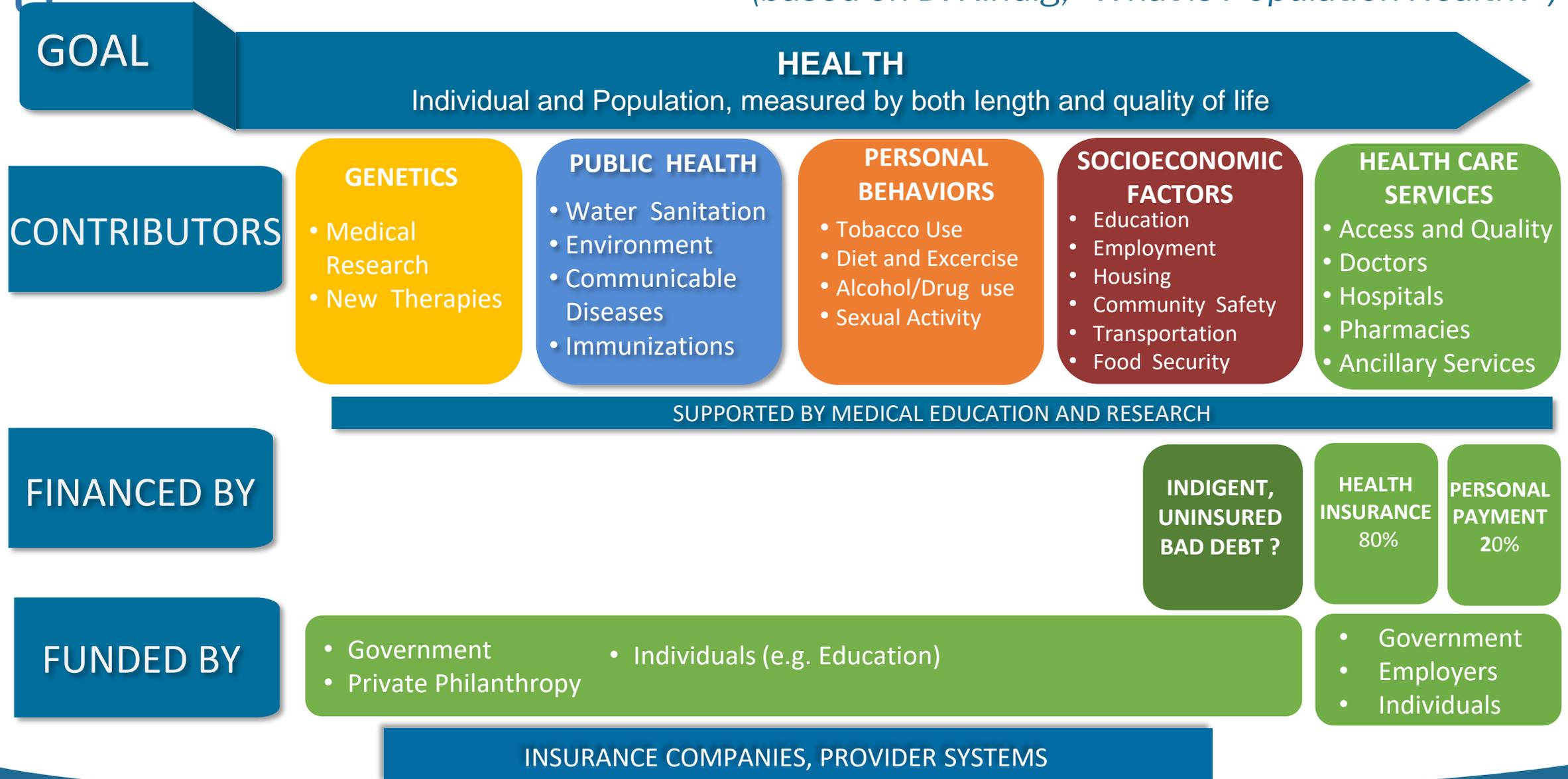
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4. Health ≠ Health Care ≠ Health Insurance

(based on D. Kindig, "What is Population Health?")



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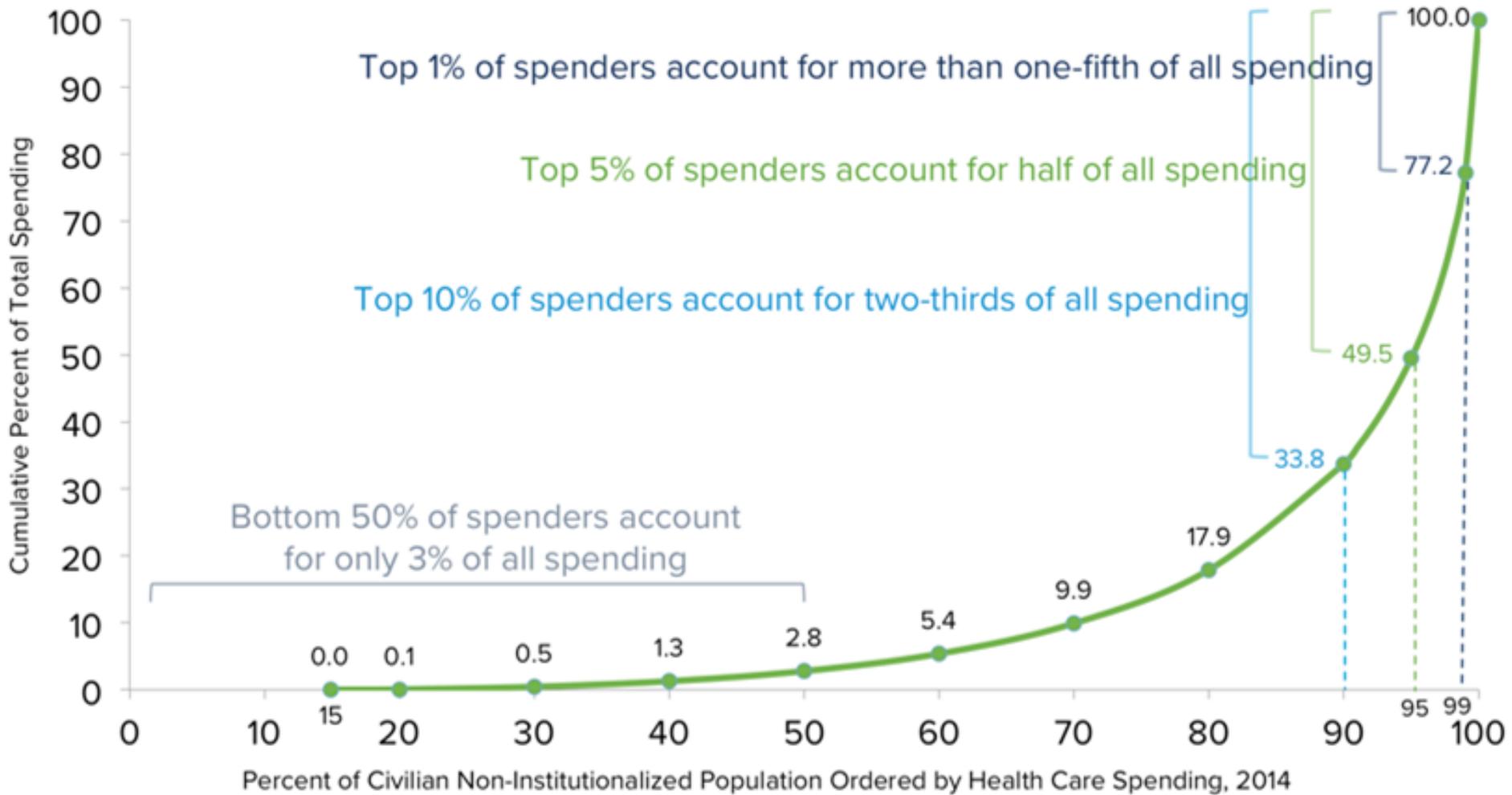
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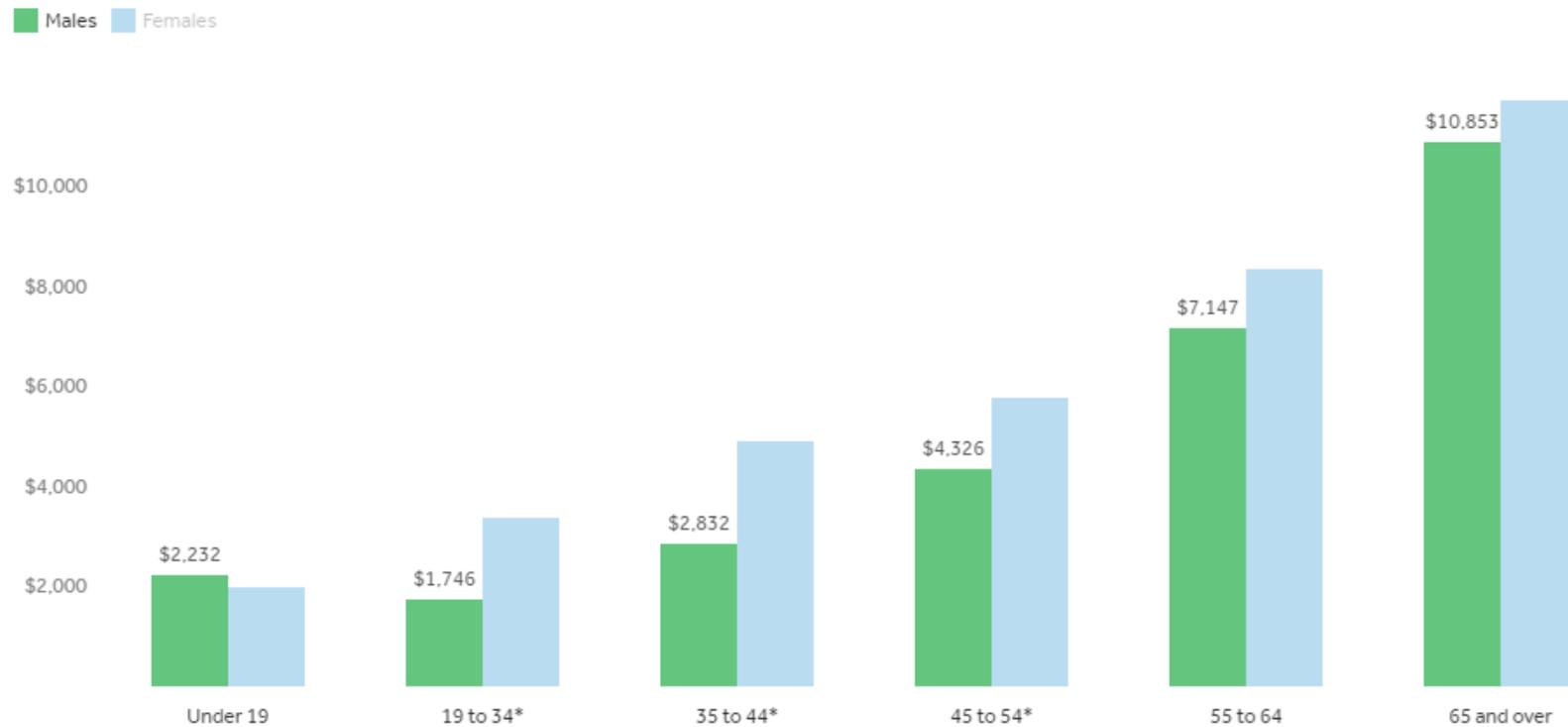
5. Most Health Care is Financed by Insurance Spending is Highly Concentrated, Hard to Predict



5. Most Health Care is Financed by Insurance Costs by Age and Gender

While health spending increases throughout adulthood for both men and women, differences by gender vary by age

Average health spending by age and gender, 2016



Note: *Indicates that, for the age range, the difference in estimates for males and females is statistically significant ($p < .05$).

5. Most Health Care is Financed by Insurance: Health Insurance is Critical



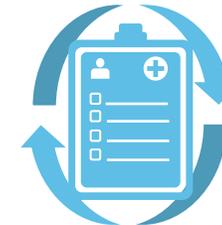
Expensive and you never know when you'll need high-cost care



Protect assets
(if you are lucky enough to have assets to protect)



Insurance is **access** to health care providers and contract prices



Insurance facilitates **care coordination**

Everyone needs coverage!

Health insurance is important tool, but not the goal...

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Pharmaceuticals
 Biotechnology
 Medical-Surgical Supplies
 Medical Devices
 Capital Equipment
 Information Technology

Group Purchasing Organizations
 Wholesalers/Distributors
 Medical Professionals/Labor

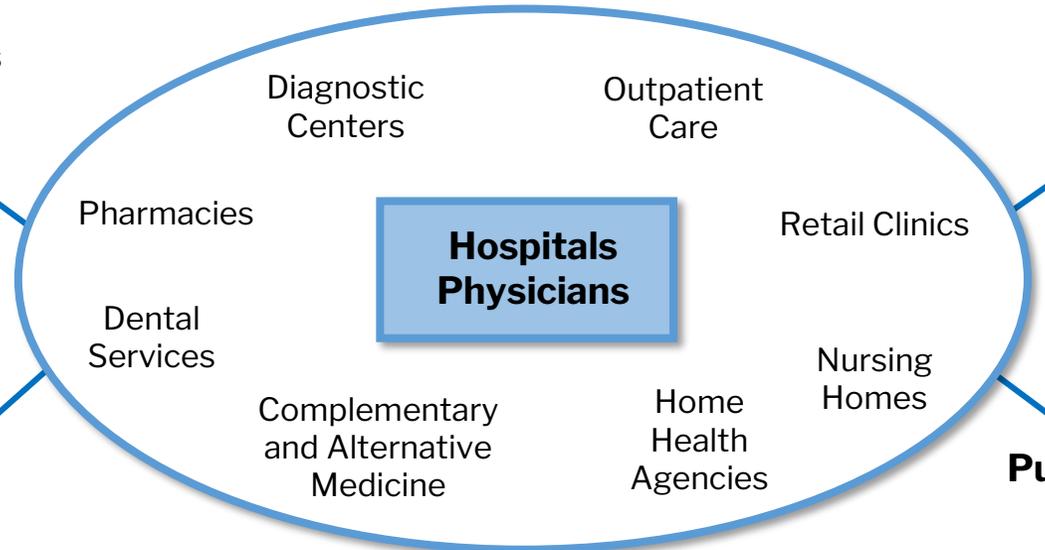
Suppliers

Regulators

State Insurance Commissioners
 State Licensing Board
 Food and Drug Administration
 Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 Federal Trade Commission
 Justice Department
 Office of the Inspector General

6. System View of the US Healthcare Industry: It's complicated

**Consumers/
 Patients**



**Hospitals
 Physicians**

Government:
 Medicare and Medicaid
 Veterans Administration
 Employers
 Individuals/Out of Pocket
 Philanthropy

Insurers and Insurance Brokers
 Managed Care
 High-Deductible Health Plans/HSAs
 Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Buyers

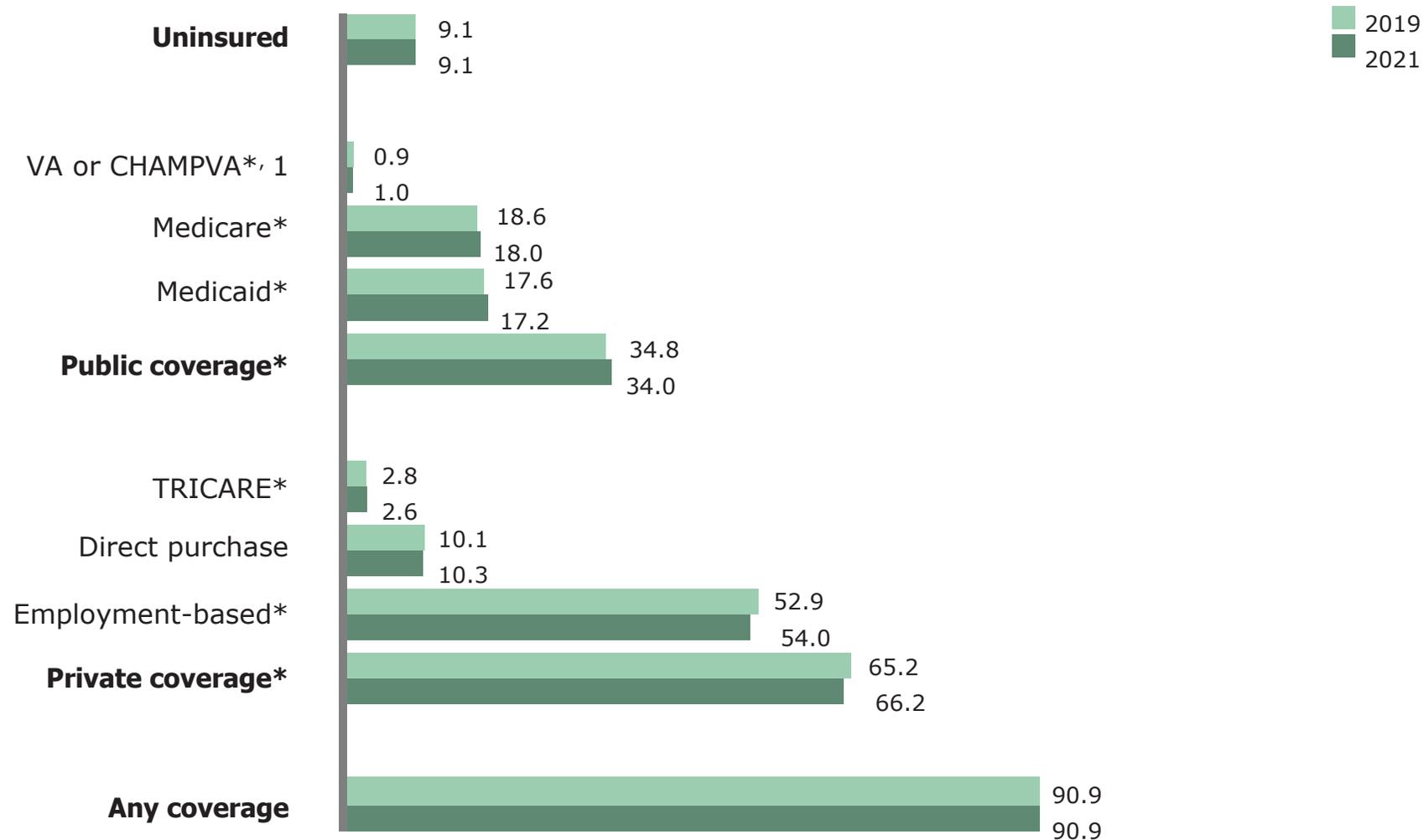
Public Health Agencies

National Institutes of Health
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Environmental Protection Agency
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Health Resources and Services Administration
 Public Health Service
 Departments of Defense, Homeland Security

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 The U.S. Healthcare Ecosystem
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6. US Insurance is Complicated

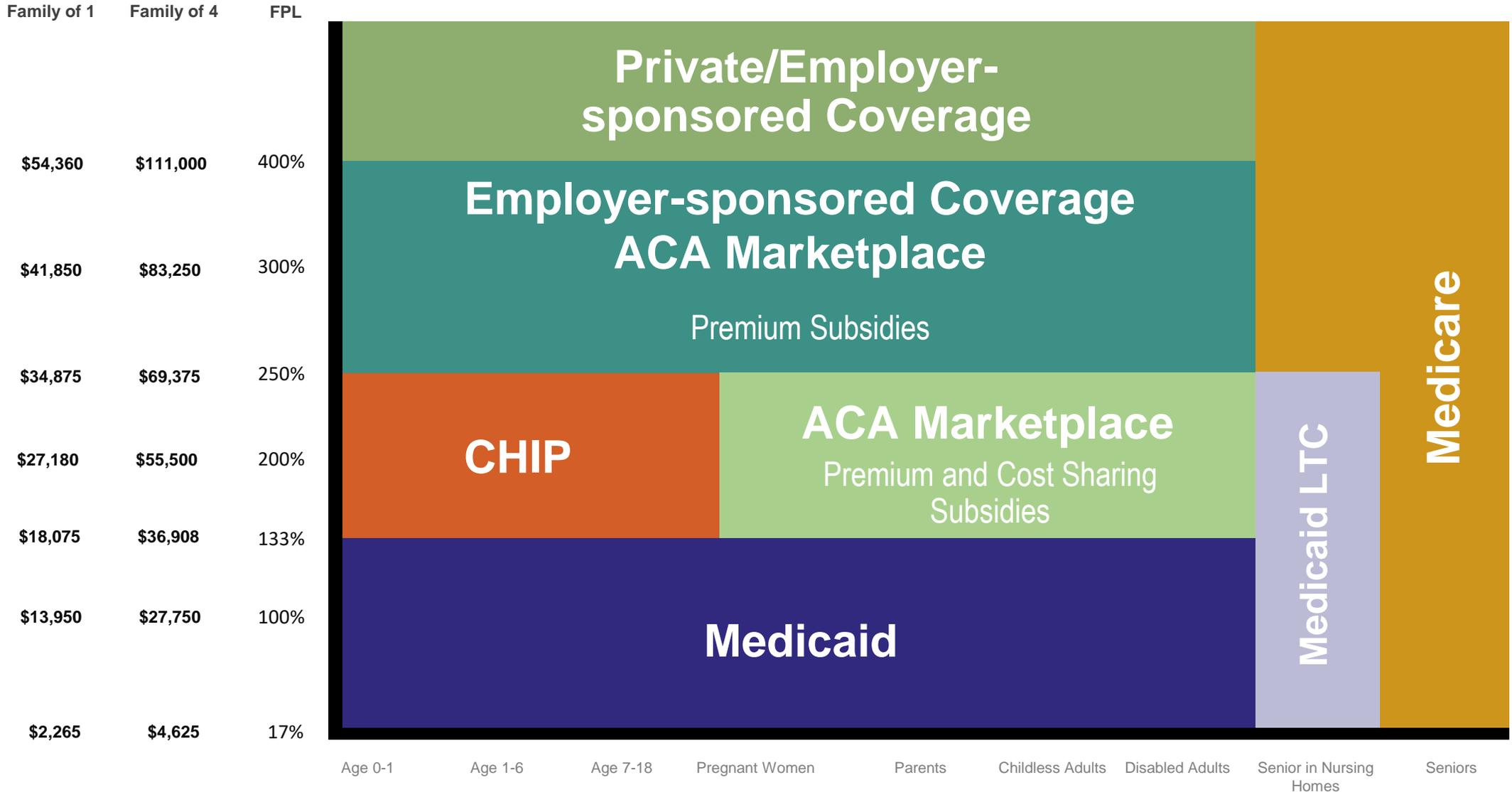
Percentage of People With Health Insurance Coverage by Type: 2019 and 2021
(Numbers in percent. Population as of March of the calendar year)





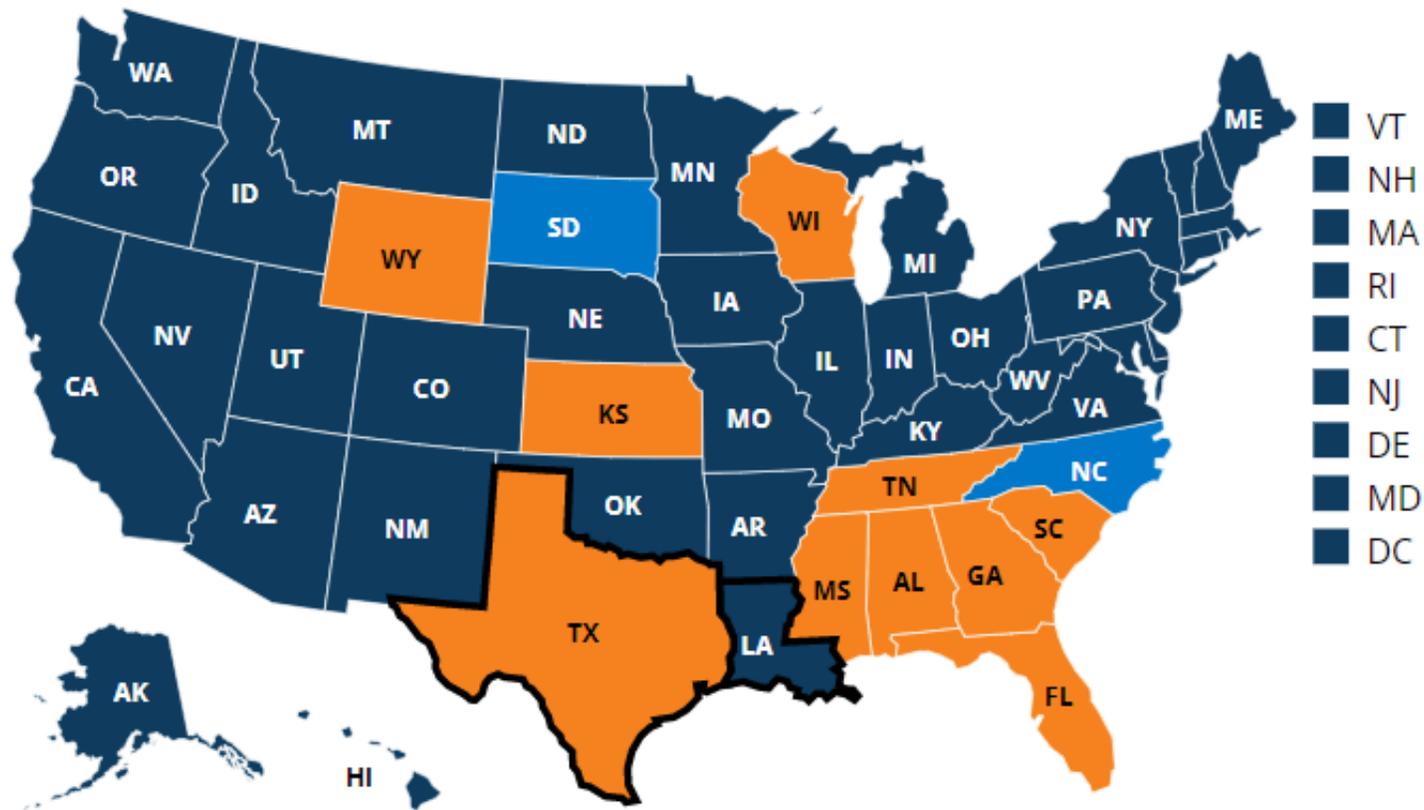
6. U.S. Health Insurance is Complicated

Predominant Coverage by Age and Income - After ACA



6. Texas Did not Expand Medicaid under the ACA

Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision

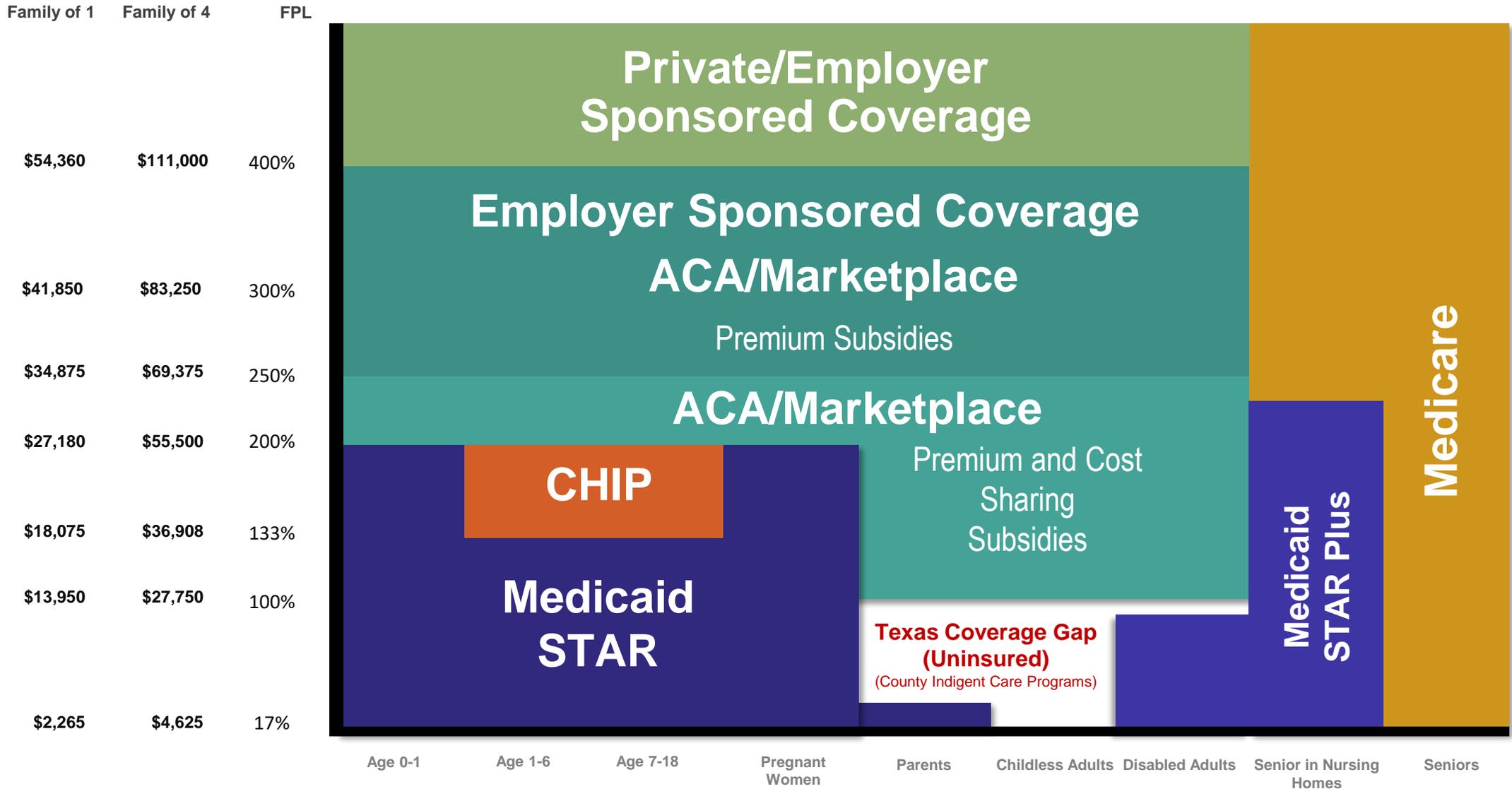


■ Adopted and Implemented
 ■ Adopted but Not Implemented
 ■ Not Adopted



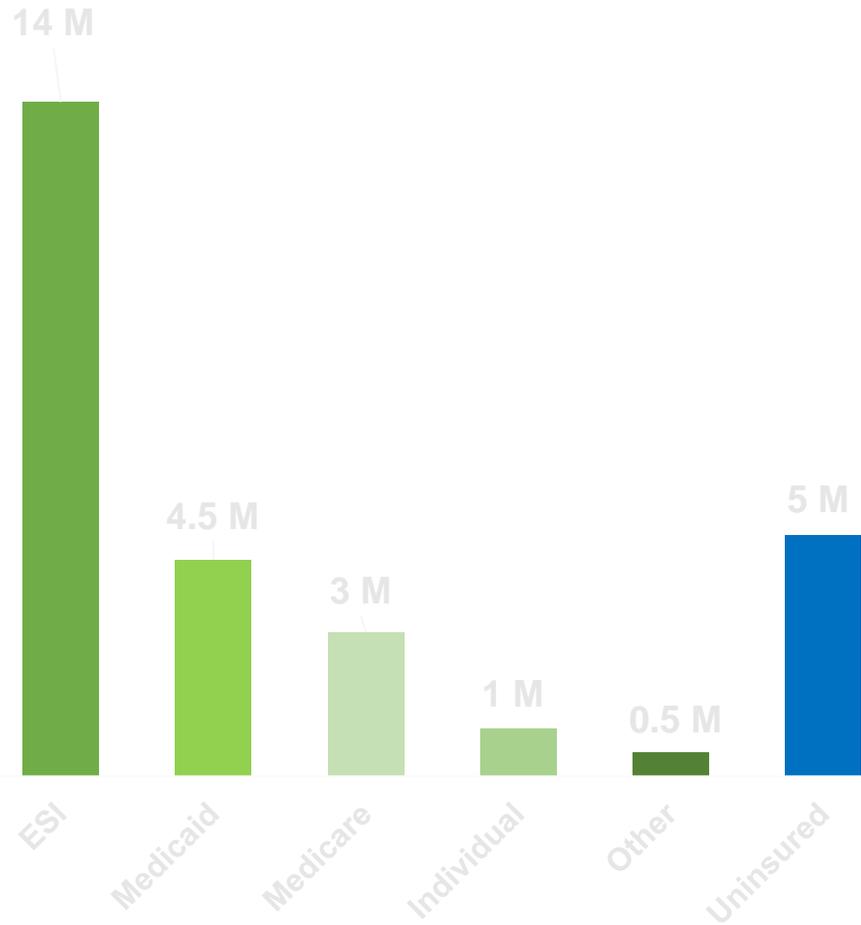
6. Texas Health Insurance is More Complicated

Predominant Coverage by Age and Income- Texas

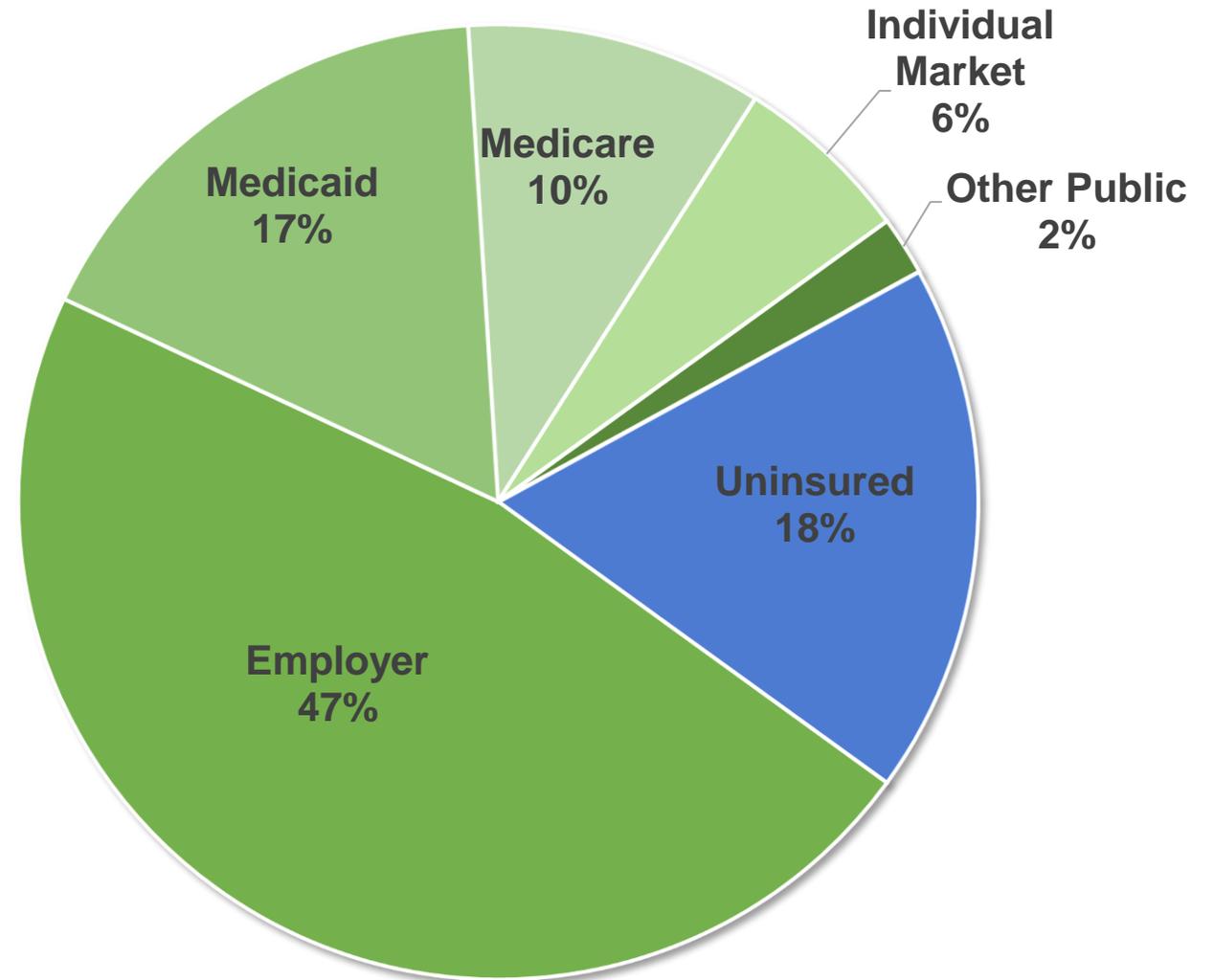


6. Health Insurance is Complicated

The Texas Health Insurance Market - 2018



28 Million Texans



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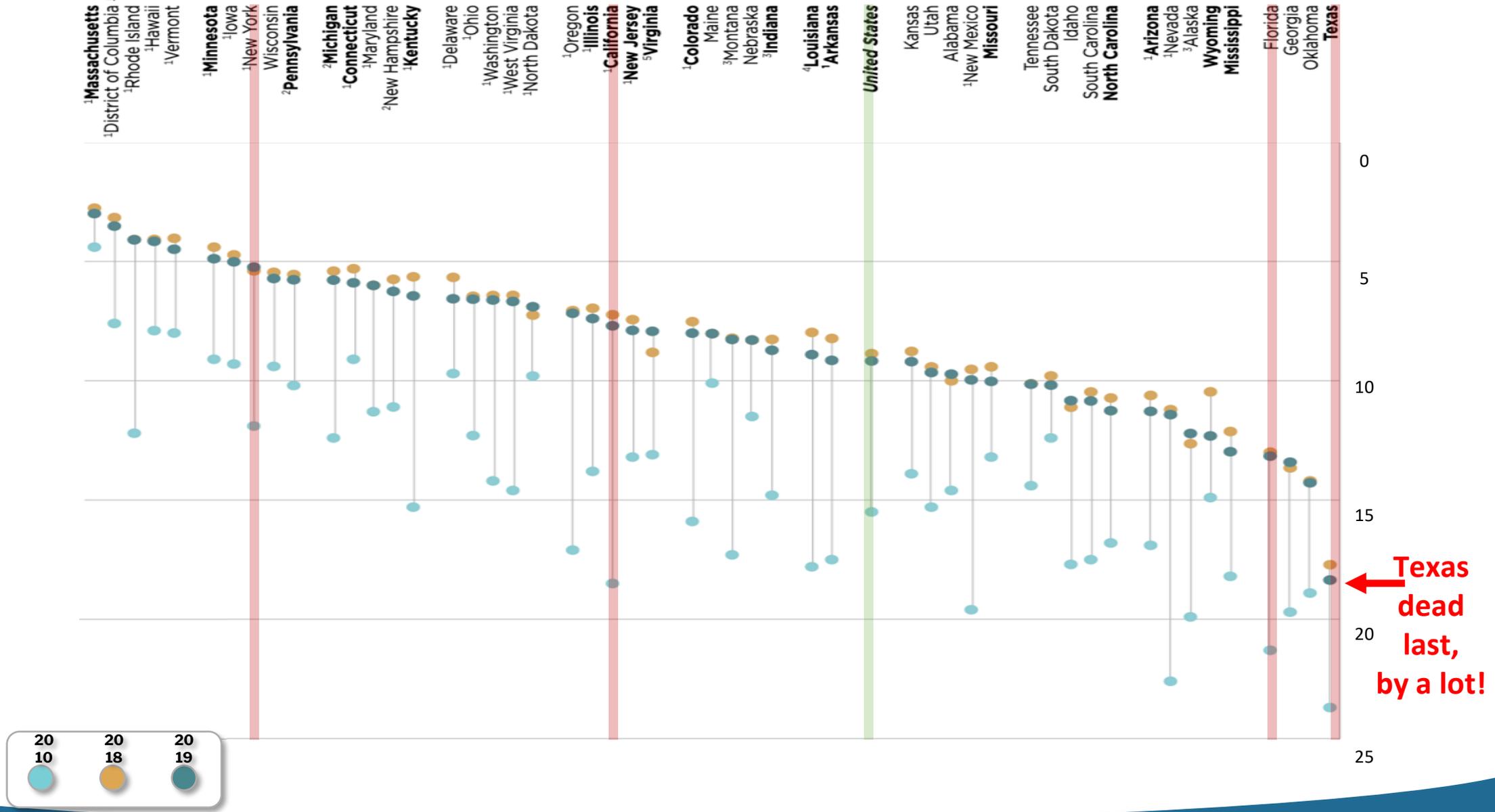
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7. Percentage Without Health Insurance Coverage by State: 2010, 2018, and 2019

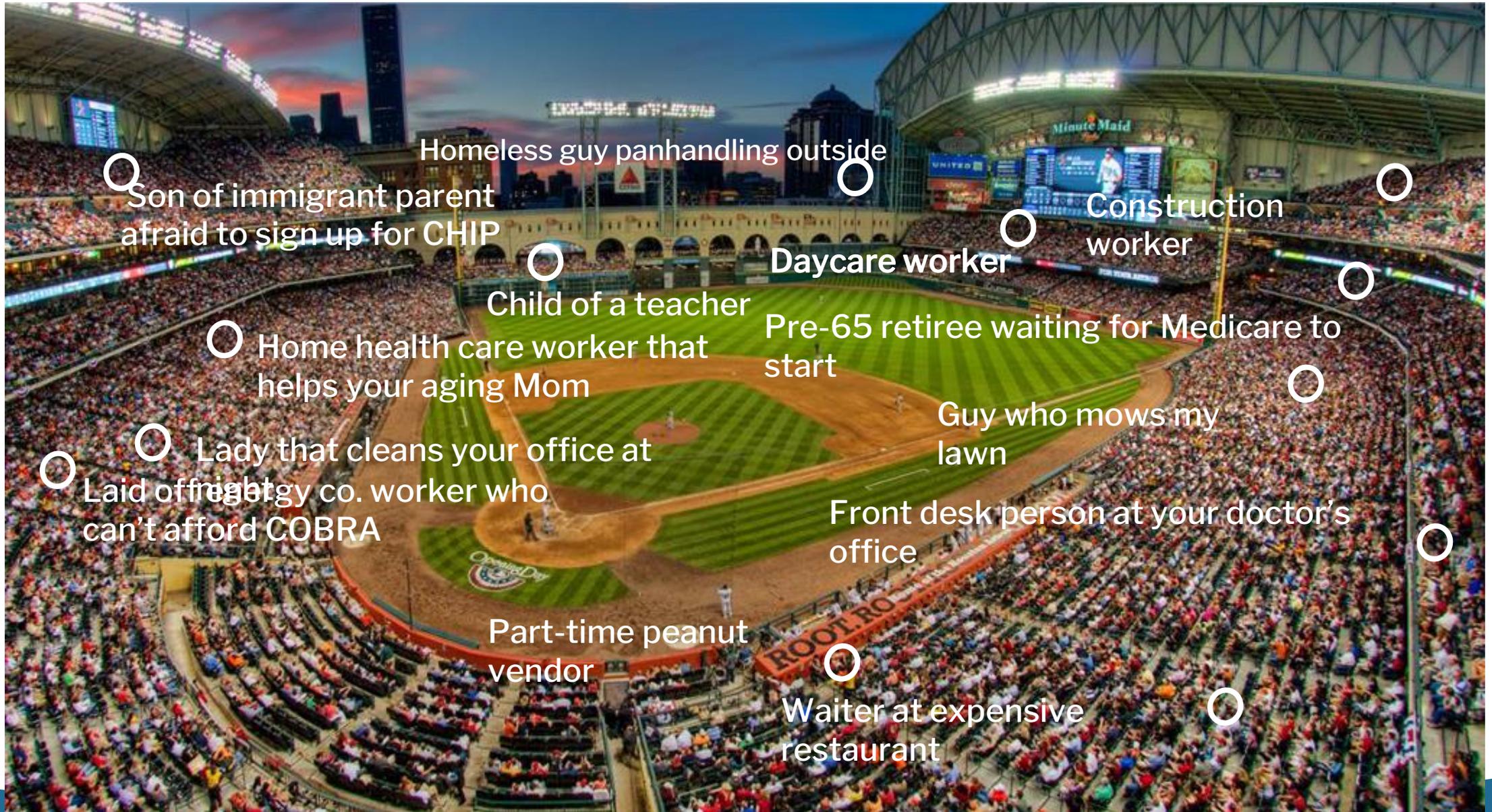


Texas dead last, by a lot!

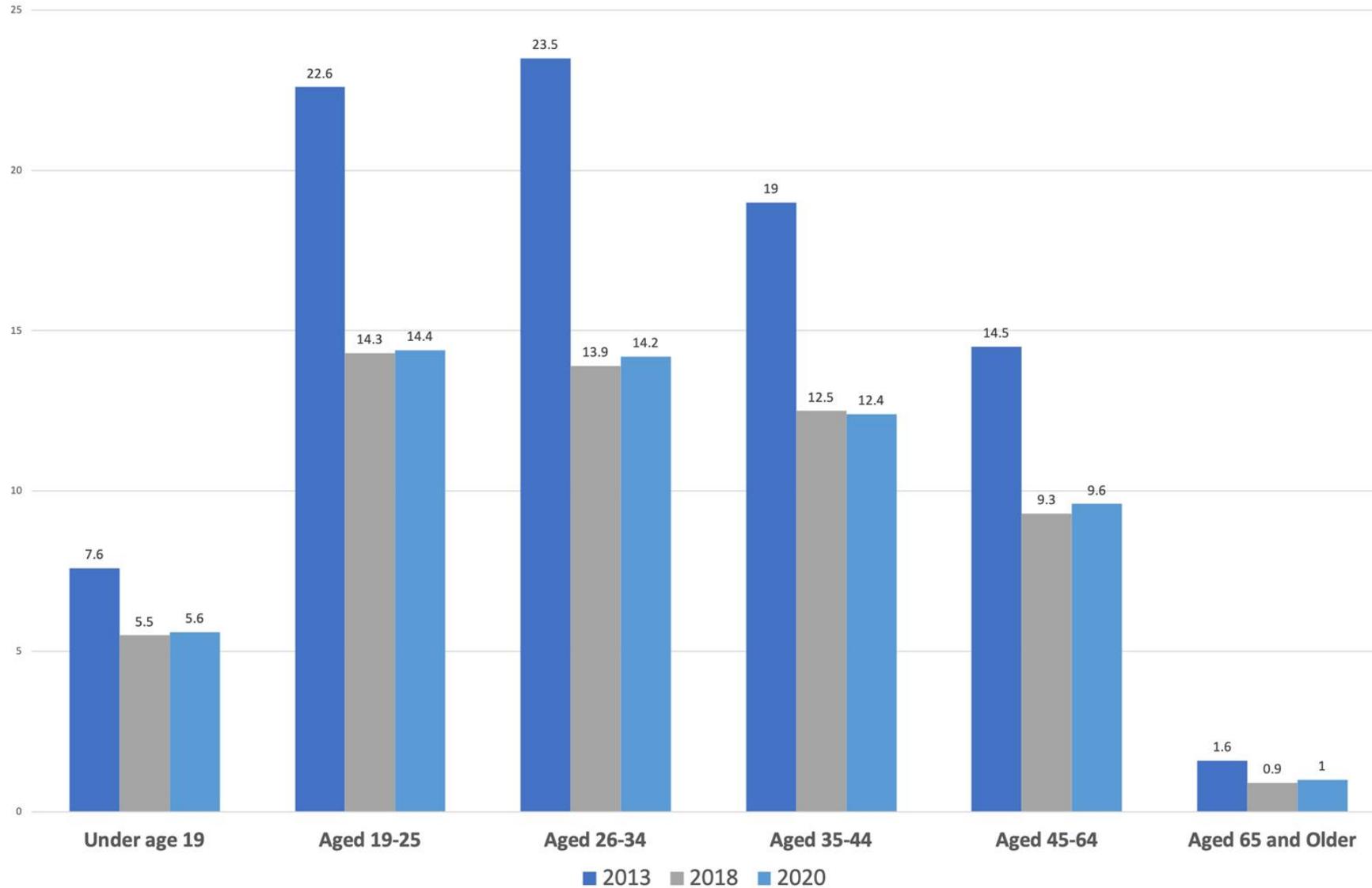
7. The Uninsured: 5 million, 17% of All Texans



7. Who are these uninsured people?

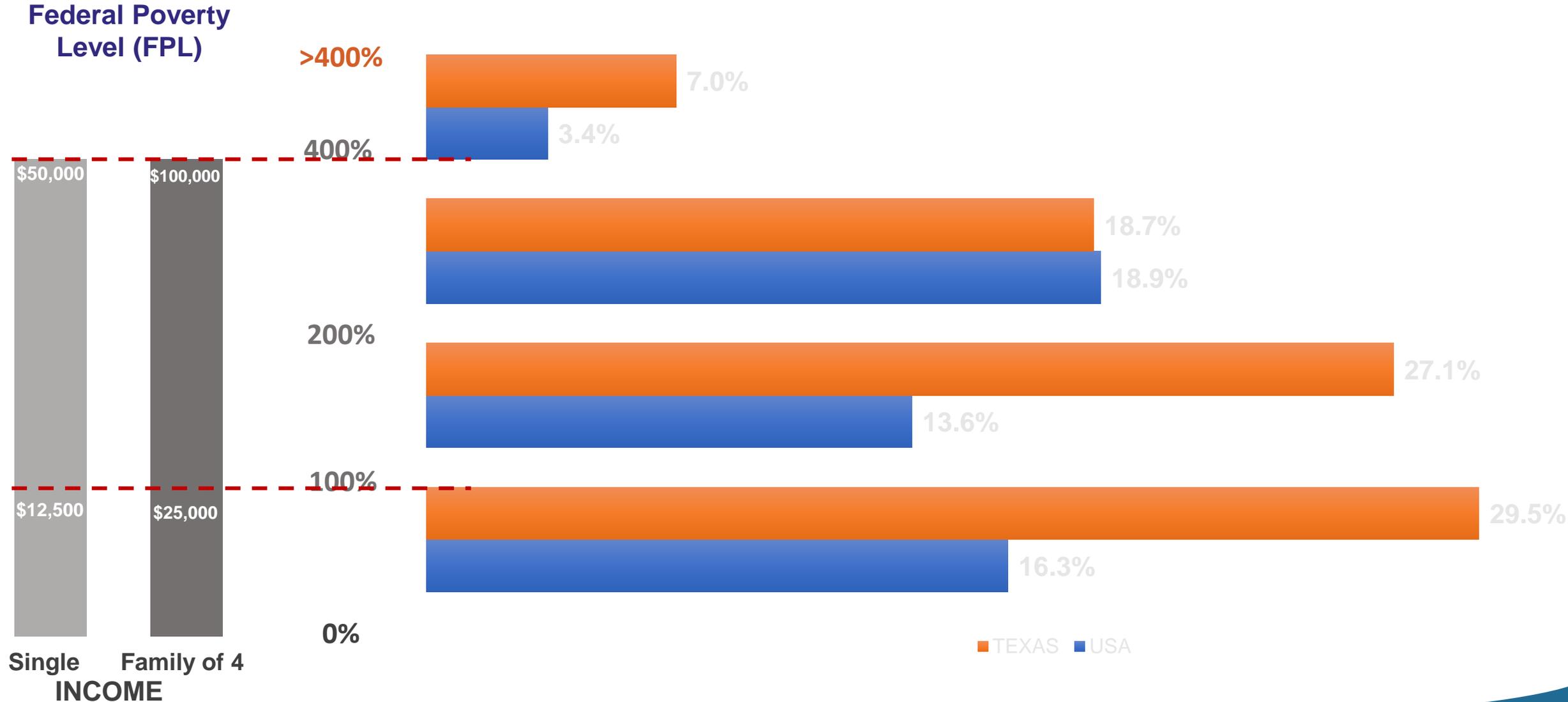


Percentage of People Uninsured by Age Group: 2013, 2018 and 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2013, 2018, 2020

7. Who are These People? Uninsured Rates Vary by Income





7. Why are there so many uninsured Texans?

1. Health care is expensive and therefore health insurance is expensive
2. You don't need it TODAY. Unlike food or housing or transportation...
3. Almost everyone with insurance has someone else that pays most of the cost (employer, state or federal government)
4. Texas employers are the stingiest in the country... anti-union, accustomed to endless supply of immigrant labor. Nationally, about 60% of people have employer-sponsored insurance, only 47% in Texas.
5. Less than 30% of Texas small employers offer a health plan at all.
6. Many large employers exclude part-time workers from health insurance, some intentionally keep people under 30 hours/week to avoid ACA mandate.
7. Texas has the most restrictive eligibility for Medicaid in the country, and did not expand Medicaid under the ACA
8. Texas has the second most undocumented immigrant workers (exploited by employers, lack a voice to complain, don't understand employer-sponsored insurance)
9. Texas leaders have actively worked to kill the ACA without offering any alternative... changing?



Population Health Measures: Commonwealth Report Card (47 indicators)

Access and Affordability

- Uninsured adults
- Uninsured children
- Adults without a usual source of care
- Adults who went without care because of cost
- High out-of-pocket medical spending
- Employee insurance costs as a share of median income
- Adults without a dental visit

Prevention and Treatment

- Adults without all recommended cancer screenings
- Adults without all recommended vaccines
- Diabetic adults without an annual hemoglobin A1c test
- Children without a medical home
- Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit
- Children who did not receive needed mental health care
- Children without all recommended vaccines
- Hospital 30-day mortality
- Central line–associated blood stream infection (CLABSI)
- Home health patients without improved mobility
- Nursing home residents with an antipsychotic medication
- Adults with any mental illness reporting unmet need
- Adults with any mental illness who did not receive treatment

Healthy Lives

- Mortality amenable to health care
- Breast cancer deaths
- Colorectal cancer deaths
- Suicide deaths
- Alcohol deaths
- Drug poisoning deaths
- Infant mortality
- Adults who report fair or poor health
- Adults who smoke
- Adults who are obese
- Children who are overweight or obese
- Adults who have lost six or more teeth

Avoidable Hospital Use and Cost

- Hospital admissions for pediatric asthma
- Potentially avoidable emergency department visits ages 18–64
- Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older
- Preventable hospitalizations ages 18–64
- Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older
- Hospital 30-day readmission rate ages 18–64
- Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older
- Skilled nursing facility patients with a hospital readmission
- Nursing home residents with a hospital admission
- Home health patients with a hospital admission
- Adults with inappropriate lower-back imaging
- Employer-sponsored insurance spending per enrollee
- Medicare spending per beneficiary

7. We Pay for the Uninsured: Inefficient and Poor Outcomes (Coverage is Better)

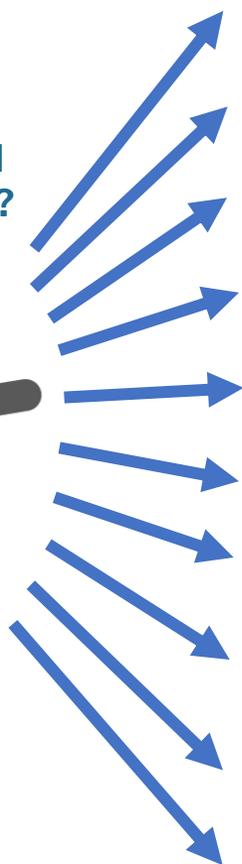
CURRENT FRAGMENTED SAFETY NET “SYSTEM”

For 1.3 million eligible for Medicaid expansion, coverage would:

- Draw down more federal dollars
- Save the state money (90/10 match)
- Reduce administrative burden
- Produce better health outcomes

LOW INCOME/ UNINSURED PATIENTS

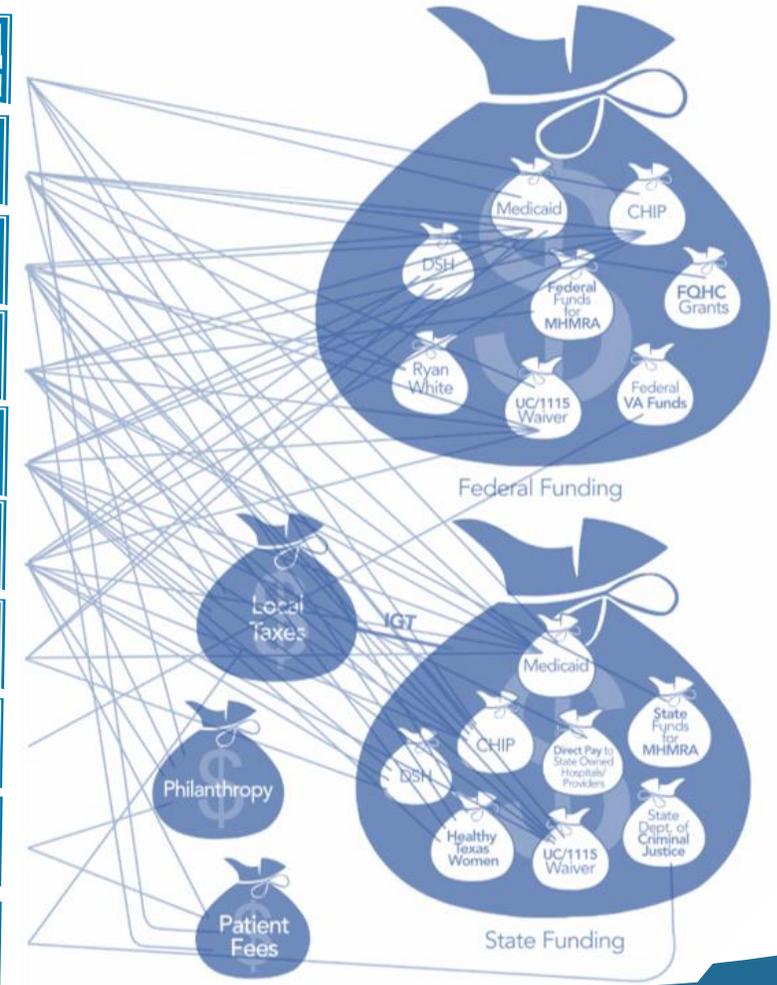
Where do I go for care?



PROVIDERS (Determine eligibility)

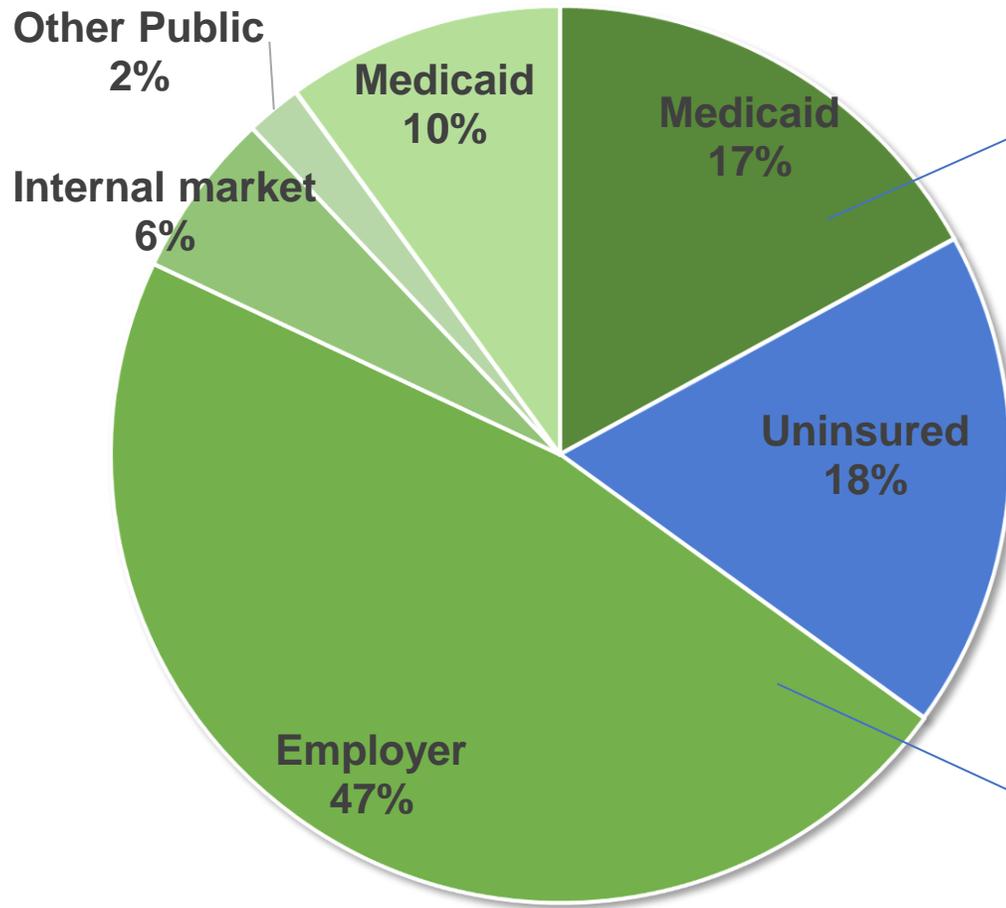
- Private physicians
- FQHCs
- City / County Clinics
- Local Mental Health Authority
- Urban County Public Hospitals
- Private Hospitals
- State Hospitals
- Veteran Affairs
- Charity Clinics
- Jail

FUNDING SOURCES*



*Not exhaustive, other state funding sources currently exist for safety net care

7. Five Million Uninsured Texans



1.3 Million Adults could be covered under a Medicaid expansion	2.5 Million low-wage Texans and their families
400K are Currently Eligible NOT enrolled in Medicaid	
800K Undocumented working immigrants	

NOT offered
NOT eligible
or cannot afford employer insurance

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Affordability:
Cost = Volume x Price (+ admin costs)

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Critical Formula of Health Care Financing

- Utilization rate (volume) x Unit cost (price) = Total cost
- Utilization usually expressed as per member per year (PMPY)
- Cost usually expressed as per member per month (PMPM)
- Utilization is highly dependent on who is in the risk pool (mix of old, young, healthy, or sick.)



Prescription Drugs

6 Rxs PMPY (utilization rate)

X \$100 per Rx (unit cost)

\$600 cost per year / 12 months = \$50

PMPM



Inpatient Hospital

75 admissions/1,000 members (utilization rate)

X 4.0 days average length of stay

300 days / 1,000 members = 0.3 days per year

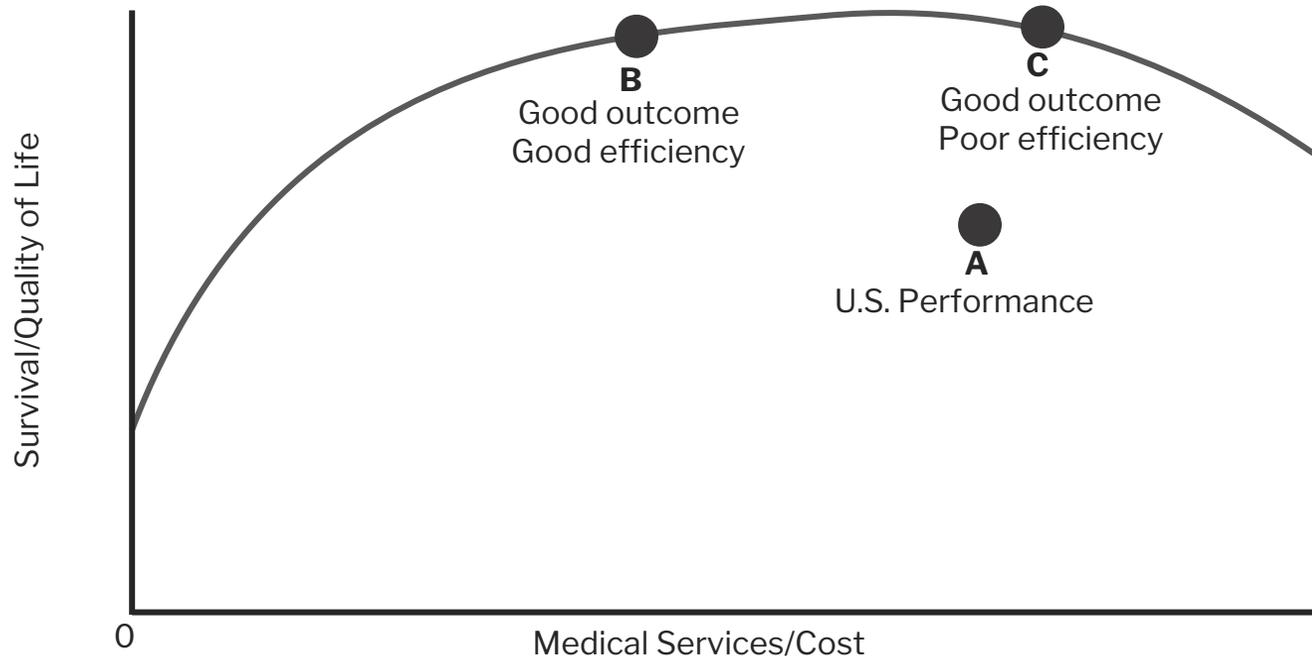
X \$4,000 average cost/day (unit cost)

\$1,200 cost per year / 12 months = \$100 PMPM

US healthcare system incentives encourages low value utilization and high prices

8. Affordability: Cost = Volume x Price

Comparative Efficiency in Healthcare Diminishing Marginal Utility



Controlling Prices

- Discounts, fee schedules
- Generic vs. brand drugs
- Less costly location, level of care

Controlling Utilization

- PCP gatekeepers
- Evidence-based guidelines
- Prior authorizations
- Concurrent reviews
- Complex care management
- Capitation, bundled payments

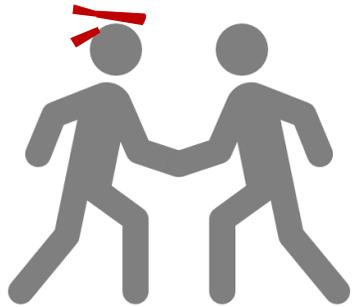
Increasing cost-effective services for better outcomes

- Immunizations
- Prenatal care
- Wellness/preventive exams
- Condition/disease management programs

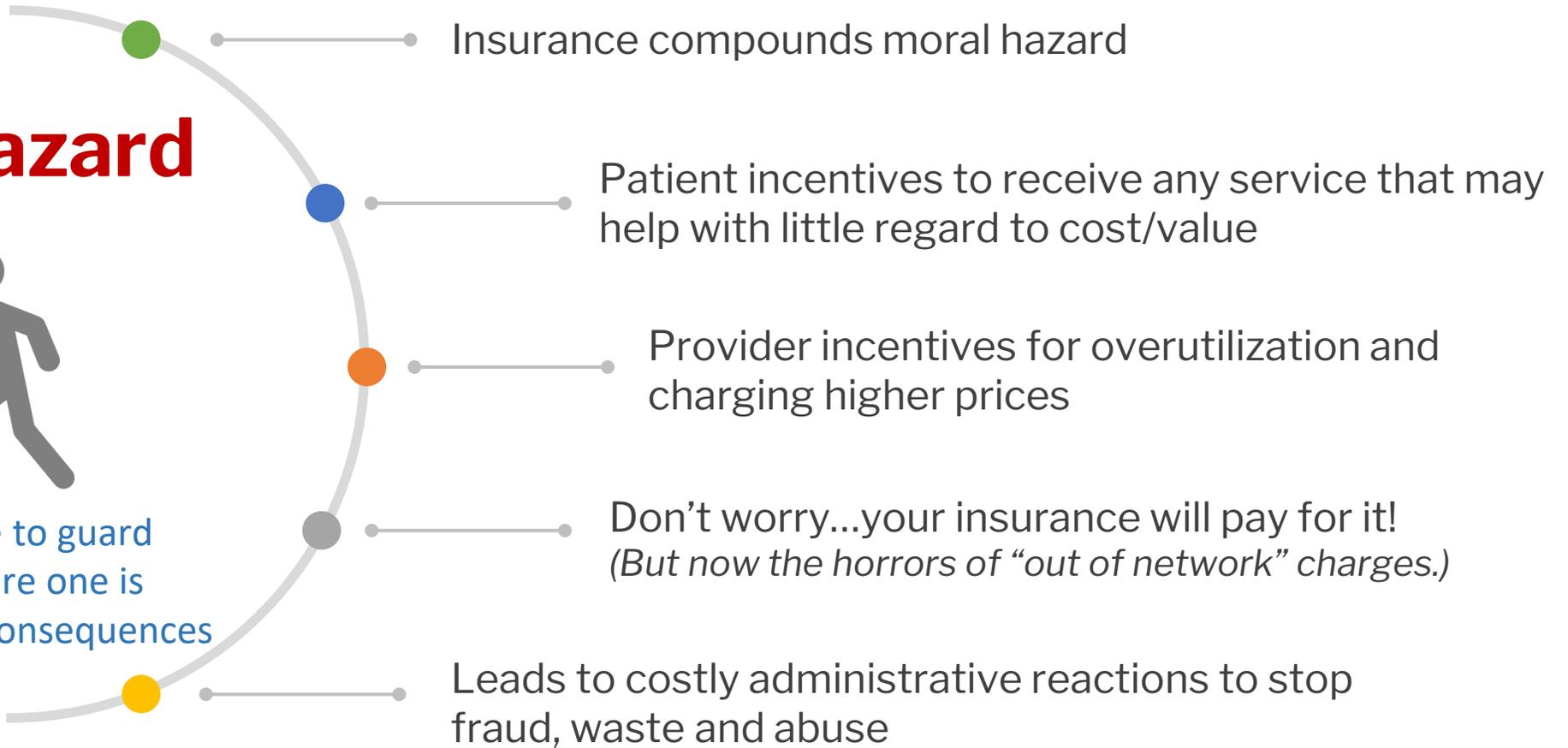
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The problem of FFS medicine mixed with “insurance”

Moral Hazard



Lack of incentive to guard against risk where one is protected from its consequences

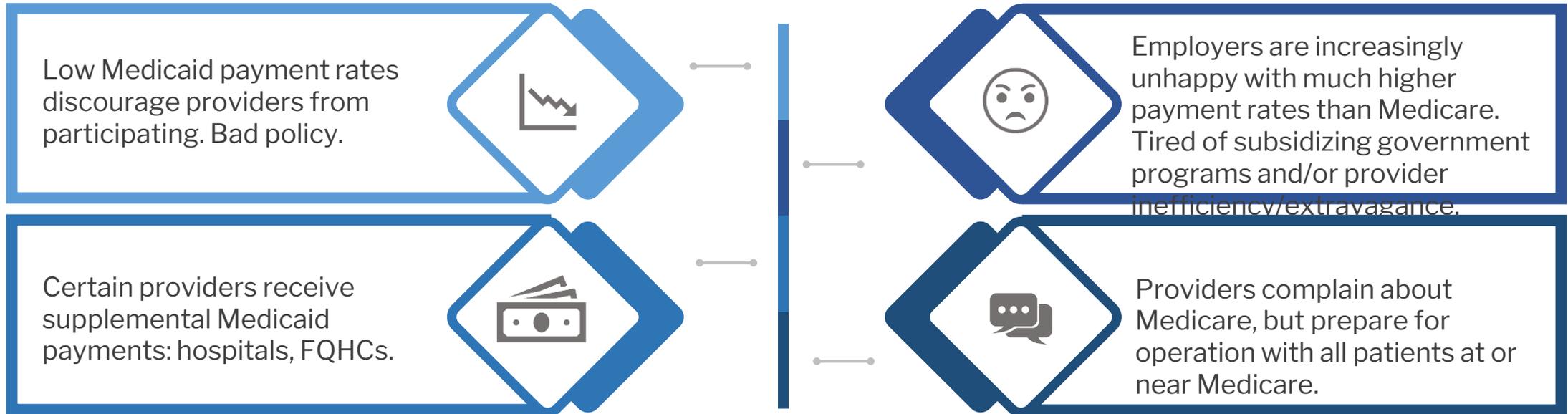


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8. Affordability: Cost = Price x Volume

Price discrimination

As a general rule...



8. Affordability: Cost = Volume x Price

Market Prices or Price Controls?



Market failures in monopolies, patent protections, or lack of consumer opportunity



Examples of Market Failures

- *Emergency room services, ambulance*
- *Hospital consolidations/monopolies*
- *Hospital based physicians*
- *Drugs on patent, without therapeutic substitution*

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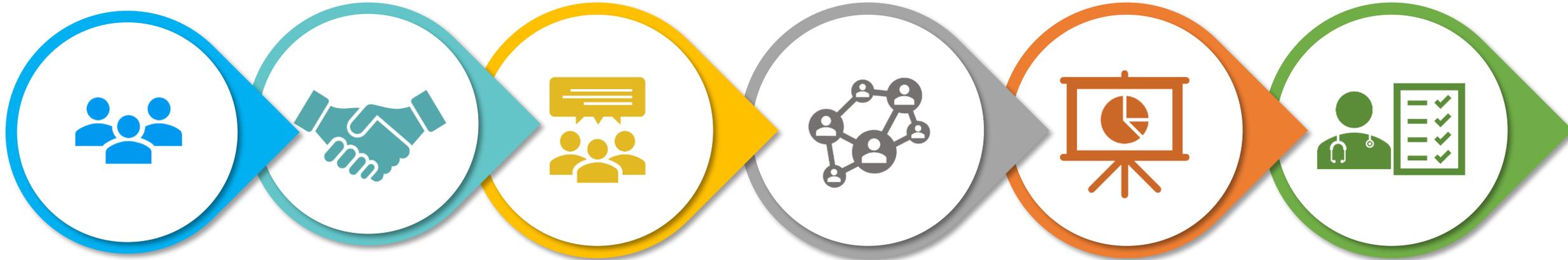
Moving to Value-Based Care and Contracting

			
<p>CATEGORY 1 FEE FOR SERVICE – NO LINK TO QUALITY & VALUE</p>	<p>CATEGORY 2 FEE FOR SERVICE – LINK TO QUALITY & VALUE</p>	<p>CATEGORY 3 APMS BUILT ON FEE-FOR-SERVICE ARCHITECTURE</p>	<p>CATEGORY 4 POPULATION – BASED PAYMENT</p>
	<p>A</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>A</p>
	<p>Foundational Payments for Infrastructure & Operations (e.g., care coordination fees and payments for HIT investments)</p>	<p>APMs with Shared Savings (e.g., shared savings with upside risk only)</p>	<p>Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment (e.g., per member per month payments, payments for specialty services, such as oncology or mental health)</p>
	<p>B</p>	<p>B</p>	<p>B</p>
	<p>Pay for Reporting (e.g., bonuses for reporting data or penalties for not reporting data)</p>	<p>APMs with Shared Savings and Downside Risk (e.g., episode-based payments for procedures and comprehensive payments with upside and downside risk)</p>	<p>Comprehensive Population-Based Payment (e.g., global budgets or full/percent of premium payments)</p>
	<p>C</p>		<p>C</p>
	<p>Pay-for-Performance (e.g., bonuses for quality performance)</p>		<p>Integrated Finance & Delivery System (e.g., global budgets or full/percent of premium payments in integrated systems)</p>
		<p>3N Risk Based Payments NOT Linked to Quality</p>	<p>4N Capitated Payments NOT Linked to Quality</p>

Most health care services in the US still paid FFS

Moving to value-based payments has been slower than expected

9. Implications of Value-Based Care



Population

Care Team

**Care
management**

**Social
determinants
of health**

**Data:
Coding,
analytics**

**New
compensation
models for
doctors**

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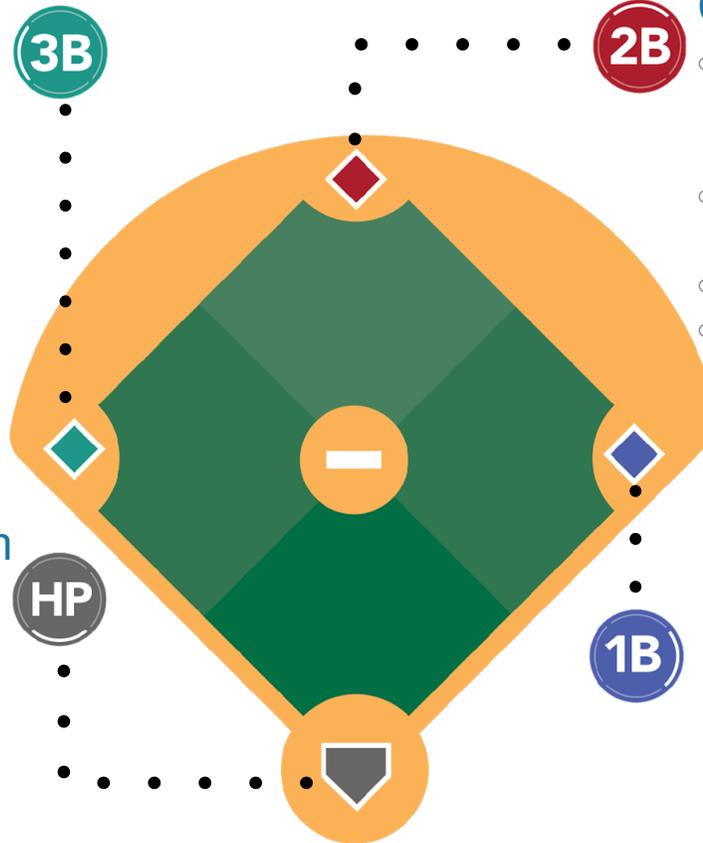
10. Our Goals: A Health Policy Home Run

Simplify Funding and Administration of Programs

- Reduce administrative burden through consistent program administration across Medicare, Medicaid, and private plans
- Reduce complex supplemental provider funding in government programs
- Integration/interoperability of systems

Slow Cost Increases through Provider Payment Reform

- Encourage coordinated, less fragmented care (medical homes, ACOs, etc.)
- Restructure provider payments to reward efficiency and quality (value-based payments)
- Assure fair payment rates across programs and providers, incl Rx



Coverage for Everyone

- A basic benefit plan for all based on age, income, disability
- Choices and ability to “buy up” for additional services
- Everyone in the pool
- Subsidies based on age and income

Personal & Community Accountability for Health

- Healthy behaviors
- Choices, transparency and consumerism
- Everyone pays something: based on income
- Community/social influences

10. Ken Sees the Future for Health Insurance

Short-term there will continue to be gridlock in Washington, DC.

Texas will continue and eventually expand Medicaid Managed Care, but still high uninsured



Medicare Advantage will grow



Small group market will disappear, replaced by QSEHRAs/ICHRAs



Many large employer will move to defined contribution



A Texas health insurance exchange to make it easier for individuals and employers to buy



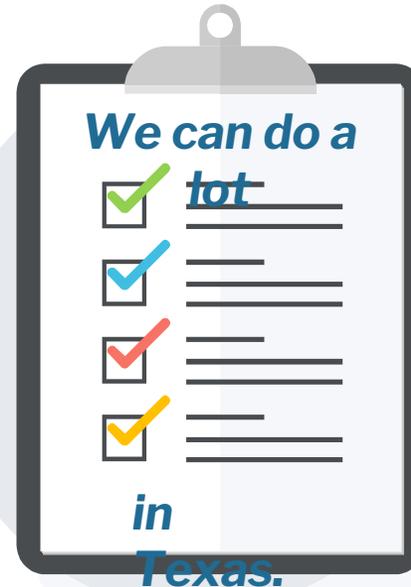
Medicare and Medicaid will continue move to VBC*



Large employers will demand reduced price discrimination



Looks like Medicare Advantage for All



*(**QSEHRA**) Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement

*(**ICHRA**) Individual coverage health reimbursement arrangement

*(**VBC**) Value based Contract

10. Ken Sees the Future: Health Consumers

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Focus on price of insurance



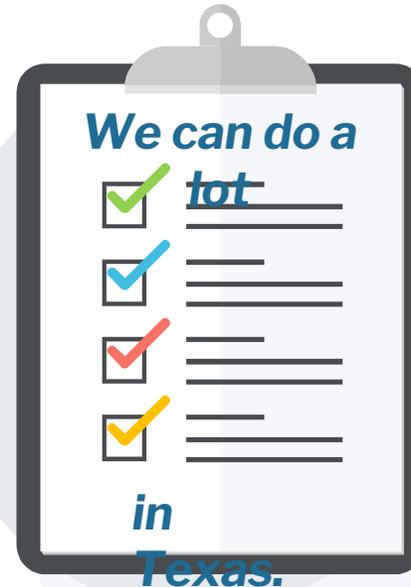
Are bigger deductibles, more cost-sharing a good or bad thing?



Obamacare, HSAs, HRAs, STLDI... I'm confused



Is my doctor in the network? But access is more than "Is my doctor in the network?"



On demand care: urgent care centers, telemedicine



Picking a system rather than just a PCP (e.g. Kelsey Seybold, Memorial Hermann, etc.)



Consumer experience trumps clinical quality. Are health plan quality measures aligned with consumer needs?



Make it easier: mobile devices, personal health records and other consumer expectations



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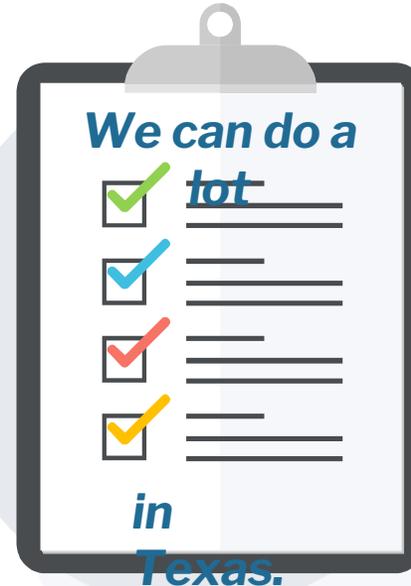
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 Need to understand and improve SDoH*, behavioral issues and other non-medical ways to improve health

 Customer service will matter

 Narrow networks will thrive

 Transition to VBC will happen: implications for data sharing, provider relationships

 Lines between market segments will blur, disappear

 Regional plans can compete with the nationals (at 500K+ members?)

*(**VBC**) Value based Contract
(**SDoH**) Social determinants of Health

*(**QSEHRA**) Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement

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10. Ken Sees the Future: Health Care Providers

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Narrower networks: pick your payer partners (payment rates, administrative hassles)



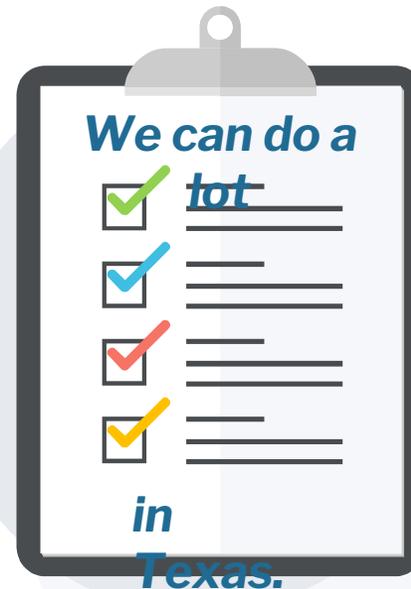
Provider Payment Reform: Value based, transparent and reduced price variation



Sharing of data with insurers and patients (EHRs, PHRs, claim systems)



Improved consumer experience required



Care coordination/Clinically integrated networks



Medicaid growth in specialties serving adult population



Population health (disease registries, not just EMRs)



Social determinants of health

10. Ken Sees the Future: Primary Care Providers

Who will you work for?

Big health systems vertically integrating			Memorial Hermann, Baylor Scott & White, Houston Methodist
Academic groups			UT Physicians, Baylor College of Medicine, UTMB
FQHCs			Legacy, Lone Star, HealthPoint
Private equity/venture capital backed or publicly traded groups			Village MD, One Medical (Amazon), Walmart
Health Insurers			Kelsey Seybold (Optum), Oak Street (Aetna), Centerwell (Humana)

10. Ken Sees the Future: Primary Care Providers

How will you be paid?

- Straight Salary: 0 – 100%
- Salary (e.g. 50% of total comp) with strong incentives for productivity (RVUs)
- Salary with value-based incentives for quality, customer satisfaction
- Mixed salary and incentives with profit sharing
- Pure FFS/RVUs (not likely to continue)

It's rapidly changing, murky now, but as value-based payments to organizations grow, physician compensation will follow.