

## Health Care Reform:

*An update for San Luis Obispo  
County*

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## Tonight's presentation

- ACA implementation in San Luis Obispo
- Enrollment to date
- Observations
- Questions and answers

## Local implementation

- Statewide enrollment through web, paper and phone
  - Obvious bumps, changes in deadlines, etc.
- Local outreach and enrollment efforts
  - Non-profits - primarily AIDS Support Network and Community Health Centers
  - Private insurance agents
  - Department of Social Services
- ACA Planning Group and outreach subcommittee meet monthly

## Local implementation

- Transition of County Medical Services Program (CMSP) to Medically Indigent Services Program (MISP)
  - Over ¾ of CMSP patients are expected to transition to Medi-Cal
  - Most of remainder expected to receive subsidized coverage through Covered California
  - MISP will cover those legal residents above the Medi-Cal limits with a medical need who cannot "afford" Covered California coverage, or those with a hardship waiver. These new criteria to begin April 1, 2014.
  - Applications to be processed by DSS.

## Local implementation

- New Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits
  - Both expansion of benefits and expansion of eligible populations
  - Cen Cal to administer new Medi-Cal benefits for mild to moderate conditions; County Mental Health continues as provider for severe mental health issues
  - County Drug and Alcohol Services to administer new substance use disorder services including intensive outpatient treatment, residential SUD services, medically necessary inpatient detox
  - New benefits and mental health parity also apply to small group and individual health plans

## Local enrollment

- Department of Social Services reports (as of 1/13)
  - 2291 new approved Medi-Cal applications
  - 273 approved Covered CA applications - 80% subsidized
  - 1006 Medi-Cal applications pending verifications
  - 1500 pending Covered CA applications
- Cen Cal reports (as of 1/8)
  - 938 new ACA Medi-Cal enrollees
    - 843 adults; 40 children; 10 misc.
- Covered CA
  - No current report
- Lapse time between approval and enrollment

## Observations

- Enrollment
  - The 3300 Medi-Cal applications have reached approximately 20% of estimated eligibles;
  - No data on Covered CA enrollment.
  - Open enrollment continues through March for Covered CA; all year for Medi-Cal
  - Not clear if reaching the “hard to reach” populations
- Provider networks
  - Anthem Provider Directory - not on line
  - Blue Shield directory - on line
  - Anecdotal reports differ from health plan lists

## Observations

- What to look for in the future?
  - 6 month enrollment results
  - 3 year trajectory for full implementation
  - Reality of insurance - deductibles, formularies, etc.
  - Trends of shifting costs to consumers
  - Mental Health expansions
  - Satisfaction with insurance based system
  - Prevention and outcomes based reimbursement are key to reducing our current spending of \$2.8 trillion annually.

Discussion

Questions?



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