Web Briefing: What Worked and What’s Next? Strategies from Four States Leading ACA Enrollment Efforts

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• You can send your questions to us at any time during the presentation.
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**Study Overview**

- **Identify key strategies contributing to success during previous open enrollment period and priorities looking forward**

- **Four study states:** Connecticut, Colorado, Kentucky and Washington
  - Established a State-Based Marketplace
  - Implemented Medicaid expansion
  - Achieved success reaching and enrolling eligible individuals into coverage

- **In-person interviews conducted in May 2014**
  - Medicaid and Marketplace officials
  - Enrollment assisters
  - Consumer advocates
  - Providers
What Worked?: Combination of Successful Strategies

- Marketing and Branding
- Outreach and Enrollment
- Consumer Assistance
- Systems and Operations

What Worked?: Marketing and Branding

- Branding the coverage expansions as state initiatives
- Conducting statewide marketing across diverse channels
- Adapting messaging over time
- Providing consumer giveaways
What Worked?: Outreach and Enrollment Initiatives

- Conducting extensive outreach through numerous local avenues
- Developing customized materials and resources
- Reaching large groups through events and local media outlets
- Going mobile with outreach
- Establishing walk-in enrollment sites
- Utilizing existing data to facilitate enrollment
- Engaging providers in outreach and enrollment

What Worked?: Consumer Assistance

- Recognizing that enrollment requires time and education
- Recruiting a diverse group of assisters with ties to local communities
- Developing strong relationships between assisters and brokers
- Coordinating assistance through a regional hub and spoke structure
- Providing readily available support to assisters
- Expanding call center capacity and creating tiered assistance levels
What Worked?: Systems and Operations

• Building effective enrollment systems with consumer-friendly features
• Implementing workarounds and incremental fixes
• Using data and feedback loops to identify and respond to needs as they arose
• Collaborating with stakeholders early and often
• Promoting coverage efforts through strong leadership

What’s Next?: Current and Future Priorities

• Enrollment and Renewal
  – Educating about continued Medicaid enrollment and special enrollment periods
  – Reaching remaining eligible but uninsured
  – Supporting continuity of coverage
  – Continuing enrollment system upgrades

• Consumer Assistance
  – Enhancing training and support for assisters
  – Ensuring adequate consumer assistance

• Access and Utilization of Care
  – Increasing health insurance and health care literacy
  – Supporting access to care for the newly uninsured
  – Maintaining safety-net provider capacity
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Learn More About Each State’s Enrollment Experiences


How Will the Uninsured Fare Under the Affordable Care Act?

Learn how the Affordable Care Act could expand coverage to the uninsured in your state: kff.org/state-profiles-uninsured-under-aca/
Survey of Health Insurance Marketplace Assister Programs

- First nationwide assessment of the number and type of Assister Programs, and the number of people they helped
- Examines nature of help consumers needed, both pre- and post-enrollment, and if Assister Programs could meet consumer needs
- Discusses key factors that impacted effectiveness of Assister Programs and outlook for consumer assistance in the future


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