State of Upstate New York

Health Care &
The Policy Environment

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Some Key Policy Areas to Watch:

- Cost Containment
- Access & The Uninsured
- Public Health & Wellness
Cost Containment

- Strategies for containing costs
  - Reimbursement Cuts:
  - Utilization Controls:
  - Incentive Realignment & Process Improvement:

- Potential Implications for Patients and Providers:
  - Revenue
  - Quality
  - Employment
Access & The Uninsured

- In 2010 17% non-elderly uninsured in New York (2.7 million people)
  - 87% uninsured adults
  - 54% below 139% Federal Poverty Level
  - 80% from families at least one employed worker (66% at least one full time worker)

- Firms Offering Insurance by Size:
  - Firms <50 Employees: 50%
  - Firms >50 Employees: 98%

Data Source: http://www.statehealthfacts.org/index.jsp
Medicaid & CHIP In New York

- **Medicaid:** (FY 2007)
  - 21% population (2.8 million non-elderly)
  - 51% children, 49% adults
  - 51% at least one full time worker, 13% at least one part time worker.

- **CHIP:** (FY 2008)
  - .5 million children
  - \( \leq \) 200 FPL: 84%
  - \( > \) 200 FPL: 16%

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Accountable Care Act (ACA) & Initiatives to Expand Access

- Employer Coverage Requirements
- Health Benefit Exchanges
- Medicaid Expansion
Some Policy Issues:

- **Health Benefit Exchanges:**
  - How will they work?

- **Medicaid Expansion**
  - Reconciling increased coverage with budget issues
  - Coordination with Exchanges

- **Overall:** *Implications increased demand?*
Public Health & Wellness

- Large potential health benefits from:
  - Addressing health behaviors:
    - Smoking
    - Alcohol & Drug Abuse
    - Obesity
  - Managing Chronic illness
Accountable Care Act:

- Efforts to shift incentives from providing health care services to producing “health” (e.g. ACOs)
- Promotion role prevention and wellness

- Implications for patterns of care?
- Impact on costs?