



What Employers Need to Know Right Now About Health Care Reform

What Is My State Doing with the Exchanges and Medicaid?



States have two major decisions to make with respect to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) – whether they will run the health exchange themselves, and whether they will expand Medicaid to cover most individuals whose income is below 133 percent of the federal poverty level.

Exchange Election

Beginning in 2014, all states will have a health exchange. If a state chooses not to run an exchange, the federal government will run the exchange for the state. An exchange run by the federal government for a state is called a federally facilitated exchange (FFE). States may also choose to share the operation of an exchange with the federal government – that is called a partnership exchange. For more information about the exchanges see our [PPACA Advisor Appendix on Exchange Election](#),

Medicaid Election

States also have to decide whether they will expand Medicaid coverage to most individuals who have an income below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). The FPL is \$11,490 for a single person and \$23,550 for a family of four in 2013. The federal government will pay most of the cost of expanded Medicaid coverage, but some states have concerns about the ultimate cost of the expansion to the states. For more information about Medicaid and PPACA, see our [PPACA Advisor Appendix on Medicaid Election](#),

As of Sept. 17, 2013, the states had made the following choices. (The deadline for state exchange elections for 2014 has passed. There is no deadline for the Medicaid election.)

The States: Where they stand

State	Type of Exchange	Medicaid Expansion
Alabama	Federal	No
Alaska	Federal	No
Arizona	Federal	Yes
Arkansas	Partnership	Negotiating alternative with HHS
California	State	Yes
Colorado	State	Yes
Connecticut	State	Yes
Delaware	Partnership	Yes
District of Columbia	State	Yes
Florida	Federal	No
Georgia	Federal	No
Hawaii	State	Yes
Idaho	State	No
Illinois	Partnership	Yes
Indiana	Federal	Negotiated a limited alternative with HHS
Iowa	Partnership	Negotiating alternative with HHS
Kansas	Federal	No
Kentucky	State	Yes
Louisiana	Federal	No
Maine	Federal	No
Maryland	State	Yes
Massachusetts	State	Yes
Michigan	Partnership	Yes
Minnesota	State	Yes
Mississippi	Federal	No
Missouri	Federal	No
Montana	Federal	No
Nebraska	Federal	No
Nevada	State	Yes
New Hampshire	Partnership	Leaning toward yes
New Jersey	Federal	Yes
New Mexico	State	Yes
New York	State	Yes
North Carolina	Federal	No
North Dakota	Federal	Yes
Ohio	Federal	Leaning toward no
Oklahoma	Federal	No

State	Type of Exchange	Medicaid Expansion
Oregon	State	Yes
Pennsylvania	Federal	Negotiating alternative with HHS
Rhode Island	State	Yes
South Carolina	Federal	No
South Dakota	Federal	Leaning toward no
Tennessee	Federal	No (trying to negotiate alternative with HHS)
Texas	Federal	No
Utah	State – SHOP Federal – Individual	No
Vermont	State	Yes
Virginia	Federal	No
Washington	State	Yes
West Virginia	Partnership	Yes
Wisconsin	Federal	No
Wyoming	Federal	No

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Information is subject to change.

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