

New England Alliance for Children's Health

New England Update



Connecticut



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Connecticut

Accomplishments in 2012

- Identify successes that you have had this year or progress you have made toward goals
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Connecticut

Accomplishments in 2012

- Maintained coverage and benefits for children and parents/pregnant women in HUSKY (Medicaid and CHIP)
- Increased primary care provider rates in Medicaid (per ACA)
- Moving forward with HIE

Connecticut

Complications in 2012

- State budget deficit
- Growth in Medicaid for low-income adults (HUSKY D)
- Lack of federal guidance re: Basic Health Program

Connecticut

Opportunities in 2013

- Continued momentum to build HIE
- Integration of HIE and Medicaid systems
- Improve continuity of coverage in HUSKY (for babies, teens, pregnant women)

Massachusetts

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Massachusetts

Accomplishments in 2012

- Preservation of funding
- Pre-populated forms
- Express Lane eligibility
- Continuous Eligibility commission

Massachusetts

Complications in 2012

- Payment Reform / Cost Containment
- Administration resistance

Massachusetts

Opportunities in 2013

- Payment Reform implementation
- ACA implementation
- Potential revenue initiative

Massachusetts

Challenges in 2013

- Payment Reform implementation
- ACA implementation
- Electoral politics

New Hampshire

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New Hampshire

Accomplishments in 2012

- Minimizing Harm / Averting Disaster
- Defeated Health Care Compact
- Oral Health: Public Health Dental Hygienist
- Groundwork for Electing Medicaid Expansion Option in 2013, and for Partnership Exchange in 2014 or Beyond
- 2012 Election Results

New Hampshire

Complications in 2012

- Ideology vs. Pragmatism: Political / Policy Climate Challenges
- NH Healthy Kids / CHIP: Transition to Medicaid
- Transition to Medicaid Managed Care
- Did I Mention Ideology vs. Pragmatism?

New Hampshire

Opportunities in 2013

- Election Results / Policy Climate Shift
 - Friends in Congress, Governor's Office, State Leg
- Medicaid Expansion Opportunity
- Partnership Exchange Opportunity
- Dental Therapist Legislation
- Rational State Budget
- Rational Federal Budget

New Hampshire

Challenges in 2013

- Rational State Budget / Revenue Challenge
- Rational Federal Budget: Fiscal Cliff / Revenue / Entitlement Reform Challenge
- Seizing 2013 Opportunities

Rhode Island



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Rhode Island

Accomplishments in 2012

- Rhode Island is committed to being an ACA leader and to building an Exchange that will include a fully integrated, coordinated system for insurance affordability programs (Rite Care/APTC).
- Public input into ACA Implementation process (RFPs, EHBs)

Rhode Island

Complications in 2012

- Rlte Care is “part of” the Exchange –
Brings benefits and challenges
- It’s All About Affordability

Rhode Island

Opportunities in 2013

- Use lessons from Rlte Care (affordability, comprehensive benefits, quality standards, etc.) in developing the Exchange
- Develop a strong, responsive and integrated Consumer Support System

Rhode Island

Challenges in 2013

- Rite Care Eligibility Limits
 - Pregnant Women (stay at 250% FPL?)
 - Parents (stay at 175% FPL?)
- Affordability of Family Coverage
 - Family Premiums / Child Premiums

Vermont



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Vermont

Accomplishments in 2012

- Act 171: further implementation of Exchange
 - Definition of small business
 - No market outside of Exchange
 - State commitment to study affordability in Exchange plans
- Dental expansion to pregnant women

Vermont

Complications in 2012

- So much happening at once!
- National health care reform
- State health care reform

Vermont

Opportunities in 2013

- Expansion of access to dental care in both Medicaid and Exchange
- State subsidies for individuals on Exchange plans on top of federal subsidies

Vermont

Challenges in 2013

- Affordability in the Exchange
- Getting the Exchange up and running
- Need for major outreach and education
- Confusion

Thank you

