Connecticut

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Accomplishments in 2012

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

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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
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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Accomplishments in 2012

• Preservation of funding
• Pre-populated forms
• Express Lane eligibility
• Continuous Eligibility commission
Complications in 2012

- Payment Reform / Cost Containment
- Administration resistance
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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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
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?
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
Challenges in 2013

• Rational State Budget / Revenue Challenge

• Rational Federal Budget: Fiscal Cliff / Revenue / Entitlement Reform Challenge

• Seizing 2013 Opportunities
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)
Complications in 2012

- RIte Care is “part of” the Exchange – Brings benefits and challenges

- It’s All About Affordability
Opportunities in 2013

- Use lessons from RIte Care (affordability, comprehensive benefits, quality standards, etc.) in developing the Exchange
- Develop a strong, responsive and integrated Consumer Support System
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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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
Complications in 2012

- So much happening at once!
- National health care reform
- State health care reform
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
Challenges in 2013

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