IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN GEORGIA: ONGOING TRANSITION PROGRESS REPORT

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HIV/AIDS in Georgia

- 50,436 persons living with HIV in Georgia as of 12/31/12
- 64% of those live in the Atlanta EMA
- 55% of those have AIDS

HIV Surveillance Fact Sheet 2012, GA Dept of Public Health, released September 2013
## Impact of ACA in Georgia

**Potential and Current**

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Georgia Health Policy Center, GSU, study for Fulton County Ryan White Part A released February 2013
MARKETPLACE ENROLLMENT IN GEORGIA

- As of March 1, 2014
- ~140,000 people have selected a marketplace plan.
- 28% of those are 18 – 34
- No specific data on numbers of people living with HIV. ~4,600 eligible in EMA alone

Kaiser Family Foundation
Insurance plans offered in Georgia

- Five companies are offering 68 plans for Georgia in 2014:
  - Alliant
  - Blue Cross and Blue Shield
  - Humana
  - Kaiser Foundation
  - Peach State

- Number of plans vary throughout the state
- More may be added in subsequent years
**ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE OPTIONS**

- [www.healthcare.gov](www.healthcare.gov)

- 24/7 Call Center: **1-800-318-2596**

- Navigators: **1-855-899-6092** (Seedco Consortium) or **1-877-762-8442** (UGA)

- Georgia Navigators are located at numerous community based organizations, all federally qualified health centers and most extension offices
SEEDCO COMMUNITY-BASED CONSORTIUM 
ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

- Boat People SOS
- Center for Black Women’s Wellness
- Emory-Grady Urban Health Initiative
- The Health Initiative & Georgia Equality
- Georgia Watch
- Georgians for a Healthy Future
- Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition
- Jewish Family & Career Services
- Latin American Association
- Mental Health America of Georgia
- Parent to Parent
- Quality Med-Care Inc.
- Spring Creek Health Cooperative
- Georgia Refugee Health and Mental Health: 443-655-6668
**Details on Insurance Plans Offered in Georgia for PLWHA**

- Formulary review shows some potential gaps in coverage of combination drugs such as Atripla, Complera and Stribild. *However*, BCBS recently reversed course and it is hoped others will follow.

- Essential Community Providers (as of 11/13):
  - AID Atlanta, AID Gwinnett in all plans EXCEPT Kaiser Foundation
  - Grady in BCBS and Humana and may be in others
  - Several Health Departments are in process
  - Many other providers are either in process or are looking into process.
  - Networks can and do change throughout the year
**PREMIUM & COST SHARING SUBSIDIES**

- Federal Subsidies offered through the marketplace

- Additional subsidies offered to Ryan White eligible consumers:
  - If a client qualifies for the credits and subsidies, these must be applied toward the Silver level Marketplace Plan insurance premium before the client seeks support through Health Insurance Program (Fulton County)
  - 100 – 250% FPL Premium and Cost Sharing
  - 251 – 300% FLP Premium Assistance Only
ACA/Ryan White Integration

- Numerous provider forums sponsored by SEATEC, Part A Grantee, others
- Ongoing consumer education at provider and community locations
- GSU study for Part A Grantee/Planning Council
- Part A Planning Council’s Public Policy Committee goal of coordinating information
- SEATEC and GE surveys of networks
- Stakeholder meetings with key State Senators
- Confusion regarding “Payer of Last Resort” and “vigorously pursue”

- Overall, there remains a high level of uncertainty, anxiety and confusion.
ACA IMPLEMENTATION AND GEORGIA POLITICS

- 2013 – passage of law requiring additional licensing of navigators and CACs. Additional costs per person of ~$300.
- 2014 – Passage of HB 990 and HB 707 (modified)
- HB 990 – Decision making on Medicaid expansion
- HB 707 – Elimination of UGA Navigators, barriers to enrollment and implementation, restrictions on Insurance Commissioner
- Cover GA Coalition
- Moral Monday
**Upcoming Issues**

- Teaching consumers about co-pays and co-insurance
- 2014 – Open enrollment dates are different
- Need to work with consumers regarding filing of taxes
- Increased advocacy around federal appropriations for Ryan White
- Venturing cautiously into reauthorization
- Continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion
RESOURCES

Kaiser Family Foundation
- http://healthreform.kff.org/

HIV Health Reform
- http://www.hivhealthreform.org/

Greater Than AIDS
- http://greaterthan.org/campaign/obamacare/

Georgians for a Healthy Future
- http://healthyfuturega.org/

Cover Georgia Coalition
- http://coverga.org/
QUESTIONS?