### Key ACA Implementation Milestones

**Medicare and Medicaid Pilots and Demonstrations**
- **Medicaid Global Payment System Demonstration projects.** (FY 2010 to FY 2012)
- **Money Follows the Person Demonstration (Medicaid).** (ACA extended program upon passage.)

**Medicare and Medicaid Care Delivery and Payment Reforms**
- **State Plan Option for Home and Community-Based Services (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 10/1/10)
- **State Option to Provide Health Homes for Enrollees with Chronic Conditions (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 1/1/11)

**Contracts and Grants**
- **Community Transformation Grants.** (Grant period: 2010 to 2014)
- **Grants for Co-Locating Primary and Specialty Care.** (Grant period: 2010 to 2014)

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#### New Insurance Standards for Health Plans
- May not impose lifetime limits on essential benefits and may only impose restricted annual limits on coverage. (9/23/10)
- May not rescind coverage except in cases of fraud and abuse. (9/23/10)
- Must provide preventive services without cost-sharing. (9/23/10)
- Must provide coverage for dependents up to age 26. (9/23/10)
- May be required to report quality data, pending federal guidance. (9/23/10)
- May not condition health coverage on an employee's wages or salary. (9/23/10)
- Must implement internal claims appeals and external review processes. (9/23/10)
- May not withhold coverage due to pre-existing conditions for children under 19. (9/23/10)

#### Medi-Cal Expansion
- State may expand Medi-Cal coverage to a new eligibility group. (4/1/10)
- State must define “benchmark benefits,” including “wraparound” benefits for children. (1/1/2014)
- State must make changes to state law, amend the Medi-Cal State Plan, and modify application and enrollment systems. (1/1/2014)

#### Temporary High-Risk Pool
- HHS must establish temporary high-risk pool program. (6/23/10)

### 2010
- **State Plan Option for Home and Community-Based Services (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 10/1/10)
- **Incentive Payments for General Surgery Services in Rural Areas (Medicare).** (Policy effective: 1/1/11)
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- **Hospital Engagement Contractors.** (Solicitation released: 6/22/11)

### 2011
- **Payment Adjustment for Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HACs) (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 7/1/11)
- **Community First Choice Option (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 1/1/11)
- **State Balancing Incentive Program (Medicaid).** (Policy effective: 10/1/11)
- **Incentive Payments to Primary Care Practitioners for Primary Care Services (Medicare).** (Policy effective: 1/1/10)
- **Incentive Payments for General Surgery Services in Rural Areas (Medicare).** (Policy effective: 1/1/11)
- **State Demonstrations to Integrate Care for Dual-Eligible Individuals.** (Contracts Awarded: 4/1/11)
- **Pioneer ACO (Medicare).** (Program begins: Q4 2011)
- **Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Advanced Primary Care Practice demonstration (Medicare).** (Program begins: 11/1/11)
- **Demonstration to Improve Care Quality for Nursing Facility Residents.** (Program begins: Fall 2011)
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- **Temporary High-Risk Pool Program sunsets.** (12/31/13)
- **Medi-Cal Expansion**
  - State must provide Medi-Cal coverage for all individuals under 133% FPL. (1/1/14)
  - State must transition children ages 6-18 with family incomes between 100%-133% FPL from Healthy Families to Medi-Cal. (1/1/14)
- **Changes in Eligibility and Enrollment Rules**
  - State must apply modified adjusted gross income formula for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families. (1/1/14)
- **Enrollment Simplification**
  - State must possess an operational exchange. (1/1/14)
  - State must create Basic Health Program for targeted individuals. (1/1/14)
- **New Insurance Standards for Health Plans**
  - May not impose annual limits on essential benefits. (1/1/14)
  - Must sell and renew insurance policies to interested individuals and employers. (1/1/14)
  - May not withhold coverage due to a pre-existing condition for all populations. (1/1/14)
  - May not apply waiting periods for coverage in excess of 90 days. (1/1/14)
- **New Insurance Standards**
  - HHS must promulgate regulations for health plan quality-reporting requirements. (3/23/12)
- **Excise tax on high-cost health plans goes into effect.** (1/1/18)
- **Pediatric Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project (Medicaid).** (Program begins: 1/1/12)
- **Independence at Home Demonstration Program (Medicare).** (Program begins: 1/1/12)
- **Demonstration Project to Evaluate Integrated Care Around a Hospitalization (Medicaid).** (Program begins: 1/1/12)
- **Bundled Payments for Care Improvement initiative (Medicare).** (Application released: 8/23/11, program begins: Q2/Q3 FY 2012)
- **Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP ACO).** (Program begins: 1/1/12)
- **National Pilot Program on Payment Bundling (Medicare).** (Policy effective: 1/1/13)
- **Financial Models to Support State Efforts to Integrate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees.** (Program begins: end of 2012)
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