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**Webinar
Post-Election 2020:
What's Next for
Health Policy?**

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Improving Health Is Our Policy

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+ Congressional Races

Senate majority unclear; Democrats maintain smaller House majority

Senate

50 R and 48 D, 2 runoffs in GA

- Flipped seats: 2 D and 1 R (+1 net gain for D).
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) reelected.
- In 2022, 12 seats held by D, including Harris' seat in CA, and 22 seats held by R are up for election.

House

219 D and 204 R, 12 not yet called

- +6 net Republican gain as of Sunday, November 15.
- House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) expected to maintain leadership position.

Note: election results current as of November 15, 2020.

+ Biden's Top Health Care Priorities



COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Coverage Expansion and ACA Stabilization

Health Equity

Lower Medicare Age to 60

Drug Pricing

Surprise Medical Billing

+ Policy Pathways & Variables

Policy Pathways

Standard
Legislation

Reconciliation
Legislation

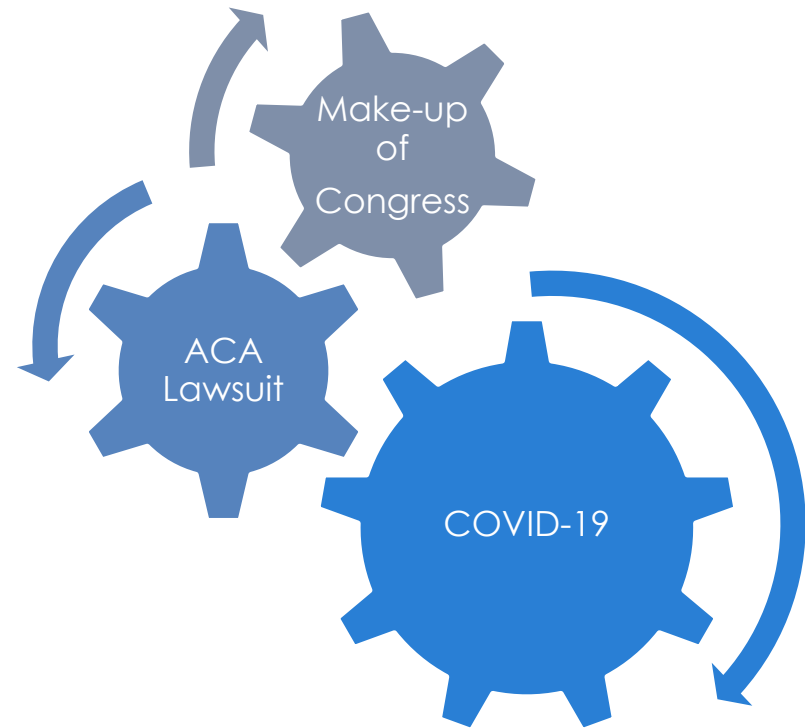
Congressional
Review Act

Notice &
Comment
Rulemaking

Subregulatory
Guidance

Waivers

Variables



+ COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Legislative

- Automatically increase FMAP funding during crisis
- Increase funding for CDC and other public health initiatives
- Guarantee coverage for COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and treatment
- Expand ACA subsidies and offer temporary, platinum-level federal plan on Exchange

Regulatory

- Open 90-day special enrollment period in ACA Exchanges
- Replace heads of FDA, CDC, and other relevant agencies
- Replace COVID-19 task force with Biden appointees
- Shore up national stockpile by invoking the Defense Production Act
- National Emergencies Act can be used to waive aspects of Medicaid and Medicare law

+ Coverage Expansion & ACA Stabilization

Legislative

- Create a public option
- Tie premium subsidies to gold-level plans
- Cap premiums at 8.5% of income
- Remove 400% FPL limit on premium subsidies
- Fix the “family glitch”
- Lower Medicare age to 60
- Mitigate ACA lawsuit

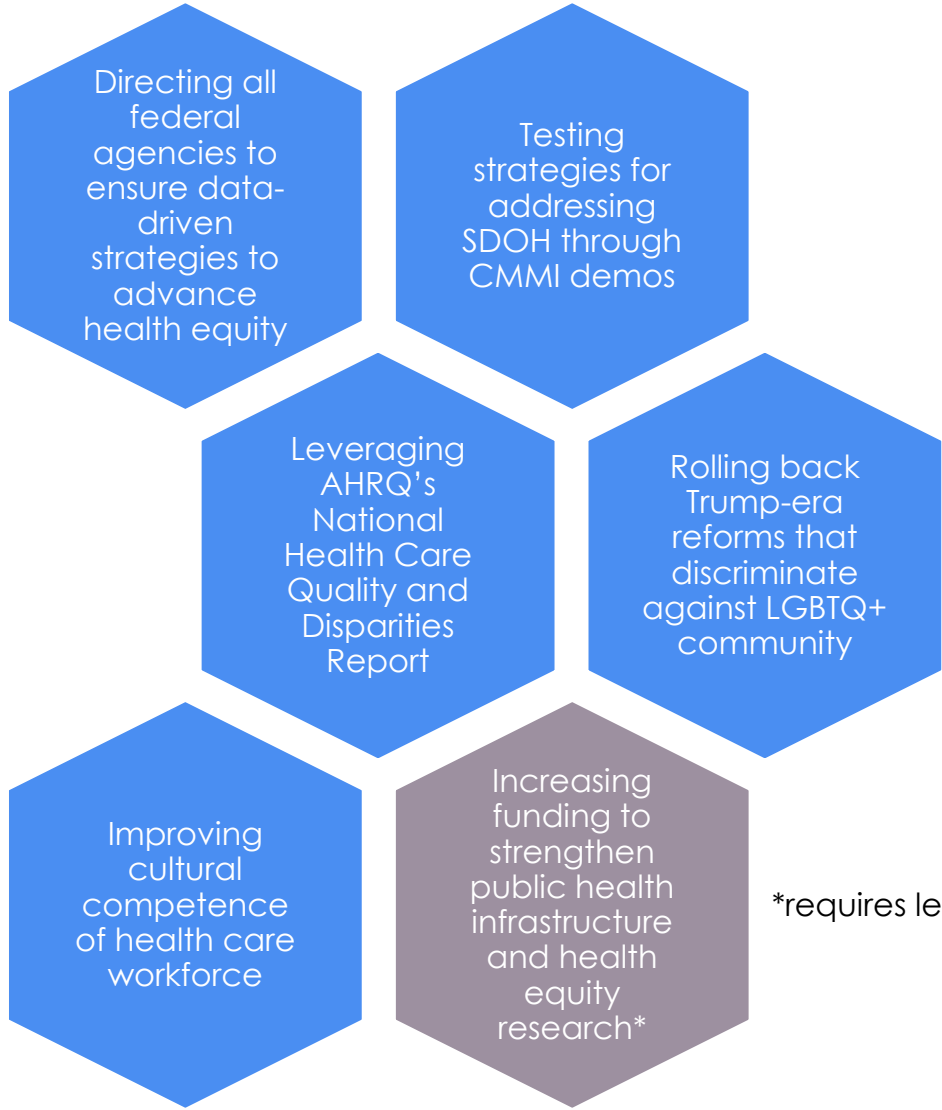
Regulatory

- Use 1332 waivers to support state public option programs and other coverage initiatives
- Fully allocate funds for ACA enrollment outreach
- Reverse Medicaid work requirements

+ Health Equity

Biden's health equity platform includes focus on:

- Funding for health equity research
- Greater focus on addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) through innovation
- Using data-driven approaches to address inequities



*requires legislation

Note: CMMI is Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and AHRQ is Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

+ Additional Key Issues

	Legislative	Regulatory
Drug Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permit HHS to negotiate Medicare drug prices • Cap Medicare Part D OOP costs • Impose caps on price inflation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support state drug importation programs • Test reforms to Medicare Rx reimbursement via CMMI
Surprise Billing & Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require benchmark pricing or arbitration for surprise medical bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Medicare transparency requirements
Immigrant Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove statutory barriers to ACA, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reverse public charge rule • Permit states to cover immigrant classes via waiver
Rural Health & Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding for community health centers, National Health Services Corp, and Graduate Medical Education • Expand funding for community health workers • Expand telehealth and broadband access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CMMI demos to support rural health transformation • Establish office of primary care within AHRQ

Thank You!

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