

Health Care Reform Update

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End Result of Reform

- More public MH system-eligible individuals will have coverage under Medicaid and private insurance
- States will need to expand capacity considerably to meet demand
- For IP and basic OP, individuals might choose to go outside public system
 - How to coordinate when they need additional services may become an issue

Side-by-Side Comparison Chart

- http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/galleries/policy-file/House_Senate%20HC%20Reform%20Bill%20Comparison_Update%20Dec%202022.pdf

Updated to include Senate Manager's Amendment

Senate & House Update

- On Nov. 7, House passed the Affordable Health Care for America Act (HR 3962)
- On Dec. 24, Senate passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590)

The Basics

- Medicaid expansion
 - Senate: Up to 133% of FPL
 - House: Up to 150% of FPL
- Young adults coverage
 - Senate: Could stay on parents' plan until 26.
 - House: Could stay on parents' plan through 26.
- Ban on Pre-existing conditions
 - Senate: Immediate ban for children; begins in 2014 for adults. Creates high-risk insurance pool to cover people with pre-existing conditions.
 - House: Places limits on how far back in medical history insurers may look for pre-existing conditions; complete ban in 2013. Also creates high-risk insurance pool

The Basics

- Lifetime/Annual Limits
 - Senate: Prohibits use of lifetime limits (6 months after enactment) and annual limits (beg. 2014). Prior to that, Sect. of HHS will establish restrictions on insurers ability to apply annual limits
 - House: Prohibits use of lifetime limits (beg. 2010)
- Public Plan Option
 - Senate: None
 - House: Exchange must have a public plan option beg. In 2013.
- CHIP
 - Senate: Extends program until 2015; MOE requirements for states
 - House: MOE requirements for states

The Basics

- Individual/Small Group Market
 - Senate: Sect. of HHS will award grants to states to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges by 2014; allows for national insurance plans – “multi-state plans”
 - House: Establishes the Health Insurance Exchange
- Essential Benefit Package
 - Senate & House: Essential benefit package includes “mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment” and rehabilitative & habilitative services
 - Senate & House: Applies parity to products offered in the exchange

Specific Provisions

- \$25M State Option to Provide Health Homes to Individuals with Chronic Conditions **SENATE**
 - Includes mental health conditions and substance use disorders
- Grants for co-locating primary and specialty care in community-based mental health settings **SENATE**
 - \$50M in 2010
 - For adults with MI with co-occurring primary care conditions and chronic diseases.
- CLASS Act **SENATE & HOUSE**
 - Establishes a new voluntary long-term care insurance program

Specific Provisions

- IMD Emergency Care Demo **SENATE & HOUSE**
 - Creates a \$75M 3-year demo project for test reimbursement of private psychiatric hospitals for the stabilization of emergency medical conditions
- Codifies the Six Protected Classes in Medicare Part D program **SENATE**

Some Danger Going Forward

- SMHAs will need to hold on to current funding as legislatures may see opportunity to withdraw funds
- Federal advocates will have to ensure SAMHSA funds are similarly maintained

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