The Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Maryland's CDC-Funded Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Programs

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Project Focus: Impact of the ACA on Maryland cancer screening programs

Activities: background research, stakeholder interviews, final fact sheet/memo and presentation

Part 1 - Background Information
Part 2 - Legislative Impact of the ACA
Part 3 - Possible areas of program adaptation
Part 1 -
Background Information: BCCP

**Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program**

- Nationwide CDC-funded program (via NBCCEDP)
- Began in 1991
- Provides screening and diagnostic services for low-income women (21-64 years of age)
- Since 1991: services for over 4 million women

**In Maryland:**

- Operates in all 24 counties (22 health depts, 2 hospitals)
- From 2007-2011, provided services for over 24,000 women: mammography, pap smears
ColoRectal Cancer Control Program

- CDC-funded program (CRCCP): 25 states, 4 tribes
- Began in 2009
- Provides screening services for low-income men and women (50-64 years of age)
- Since 2009: provided over 27,000 screening services

In Maryland:
- 2 screening locations: Mercy Medical Center and University of MD University Care at Edmondson Village
- Since July 2011: screenings for 348 men and women
Part 2 - Legislative Impact:
ACA Cancer Screening Provisions

ACA cancer prevention mandate: NO cost-sharing for "A" or "B" rated USPSTF services, including screening for:

- breast cancer - ("B" recommendation)
- cervical cancer - ("A" recommendation)
- colorectal cancer - ("A" recommendation)

**Important Note:** Diagnostic work beyond screening NOT covered
Other Relevant ACA Provisions: Health Exchange and Patient Navigator Program

1. Health Exchanges
ACA mandate: States required to set up health exchanges, where people (and small businesses) can shop for best deal on health insurance

MARYLAND: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - "Maryland Health Connection"

2. Patient Navigator Connector Program
ACA mandate: States required to establish entities to help the newly insured navigate the new health insurance market and marketplace

MARYLAND: "Connector Entities" program

as of 2013: Maryland set to meet both ACA requirements
Part 3 - Adapting to the ACA

Medicaid Expansion - expands coverage to 133% of FPL
• Current PAC program: 116% of FPL for jobless adults, 128% of FPL for working adults

Maryland: projected 32% enrollment increase by 2019

Maryland CDC-funded Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Control Programs: Many currently eligible patients may get screened through expanded health insurance
Adapting to the ACA

Preliminary Findings - 3 main options:

1. For FY14, continued service to uninsured/under-insured clients

1. Outreach and education (patient navigation services and health promotion activities)

1. Promotion of screening quality indicators in alignment with the Maryland Cancer Plan
Adapting to the ACA: CDC Response
Unanswered Questions and Concerns

- CDC funding levels
- Extent of diagnostic and treatment coverage in the new insurance plans
- Client navigation services
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