



# State Efforts to Control Total Health Care Costs

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# Overview

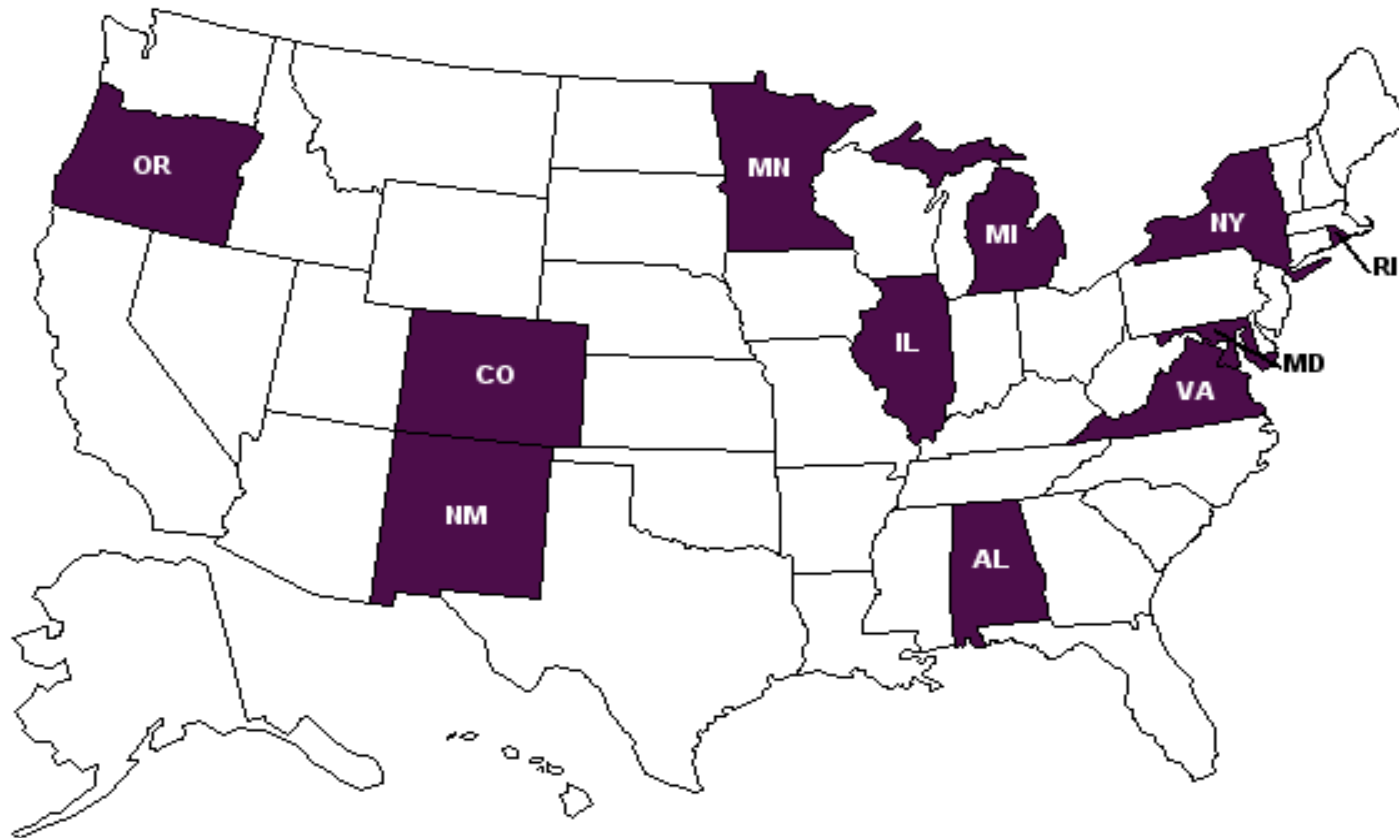
- Two RWJF programs providing technical assistances to states
  - State Health Reform Assistance Network
  - State Quality and Value Strategies
- Lessons from state initiatives



# State Health Reform Assistance Network

- RWJF-funded program providing technical assistance to states to maximize coverage expansions under ACA
- Theory of Change: focus on a diverse group of 11 states to develop successful implementation models and share lessons learned
- Technical assistance strategies:
  - Multi-disciplinary team - operational level technical assistance
  - Meet each state where they are
  - Deploy a team of technical experts outside state procurement
  - Facilitate peer-to-peer learning
  - Inform Federal policymaking

# Diverse Group of States



Alabama  
Colorado  
Illinois  
Maryland  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
New Mexico  
New York  
Oregon  
Rhode Island  
Virginia

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# State Quality and Value Strategies

- New RWJF-funded program providing technical assistance to states to improve and build on quality and value initiatives
- Leveraging relationships from Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) and the State Health Reform Assistance Network (State Network)
- Three areas of technical assistance:
  - Help states shape incentives through reforms in payment and purchasing
  - Help states gather, share and use data to promote quality and value
  - Help states engage stakeholders inside and outside of government
- Wrap around SIM grants and assist “have nots”

# State Quality and Value Strategies

- State are using numerous approaches to improve quality and value
  - Multi-payer coalitions – Medicaid agencies, state employee benefit programs, and private sector stakeholder coalitions
  - Accountable care organizations and patient centered medical homes
  - Duals-focused initiatives and integrating with other state agencies
  - Reforming data collection and quality metrics
    - All-payer claims databases
    - Medicaid health information exchange

# Lessons from State Reforms

## Medicaid Reform Regardless of ACA

- Alabama – Regional Care Organizations
- New Mexico Centennial Care
- New York – Medicaid redesign
- Rhode Island waiver

# Lessons from State Reforms

## ACA as Catalyst

- Medicaid expansion as an impetus for system reform
  - Colorado
  - Oregon CCO's
- Optional Medicaid expansion gives states new leverage
  - Virginia – reform before expansion
- Exchanges as a venue for improving quality and value
  - New opportunity to measure/harmonize quality standards
  - Move towards active purchaser model



# Lessons from State Reforms

- New coverage continuum opens doors to multi-payer efforts
  - SIM
  - Duals Demos
  - Exchange/Medicaid plan standards (especially around continuity of coverage/care)
- Stakeholder engagement vital to success (must have buy-in)
  - OR Metrics and Scoring Committee
  - Plans and providers are active participants in generating the solutions

# Thank you

