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Update on Federal Policy: Washington, DC

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- 5,000 employees serving 50 million people
- 200 employer clients, including 40 Fortune 500 companies
- Partnerships with 100 health plans
- Programs serving Medicaid recipients in 25 states and the District of Columbia
- Serving 8.5 million military personnel, federal civilians and their families
- Accreditation by both URAC and NCQA

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Our Mission

We help people live their lives to the fullest potential.

This shared mission guides our purpose.

Everything we do matters and how we do it helps us improve the lives of those we serve.

Discussion Items

- The 2017 Health Care Debate
  - What happened?
  - Why?
  - What is next?
- Excellence in Mental Health Act
  - Creation of the CCBHC
  - What is next?
- 42 CFR legislation
  - Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act (H.R. 3545) - Murphy
  - The Improving Care Coordination and Preventing Overdose Deaths Act in Honor of Jessica Grubb (S 1850) – Manchin/Caputo
- Now what?

The Health Care Debate

- Money vs System Reform – which/why
- Medicaid vs Individual marketplace
  - Focus in the wrong direction?
  - Confused the issues?
- At least two bills never scheduled for a vote
- Graham-Cassidy – billions could have been lost in Oregon
- Senate HELP Committee – Alexander/Murray
  - “Copper plan”
  - CSR (cost sharing reduction) payments guaranteed (?)
  - Waiver process reform

Excellence in Mental Health Act

- Certified Behavioral Health Clinic
  - Oregon part of the 8 state demonstration program
  - Sometimes Federal law can impact the system
  - What is next
    - New bill being introduced
      - Extend demo period for an additional year
      - Allow up to 11 more states to participate
    - Will depend upon funding, but the patrons Stabenow and Blunt are very influential

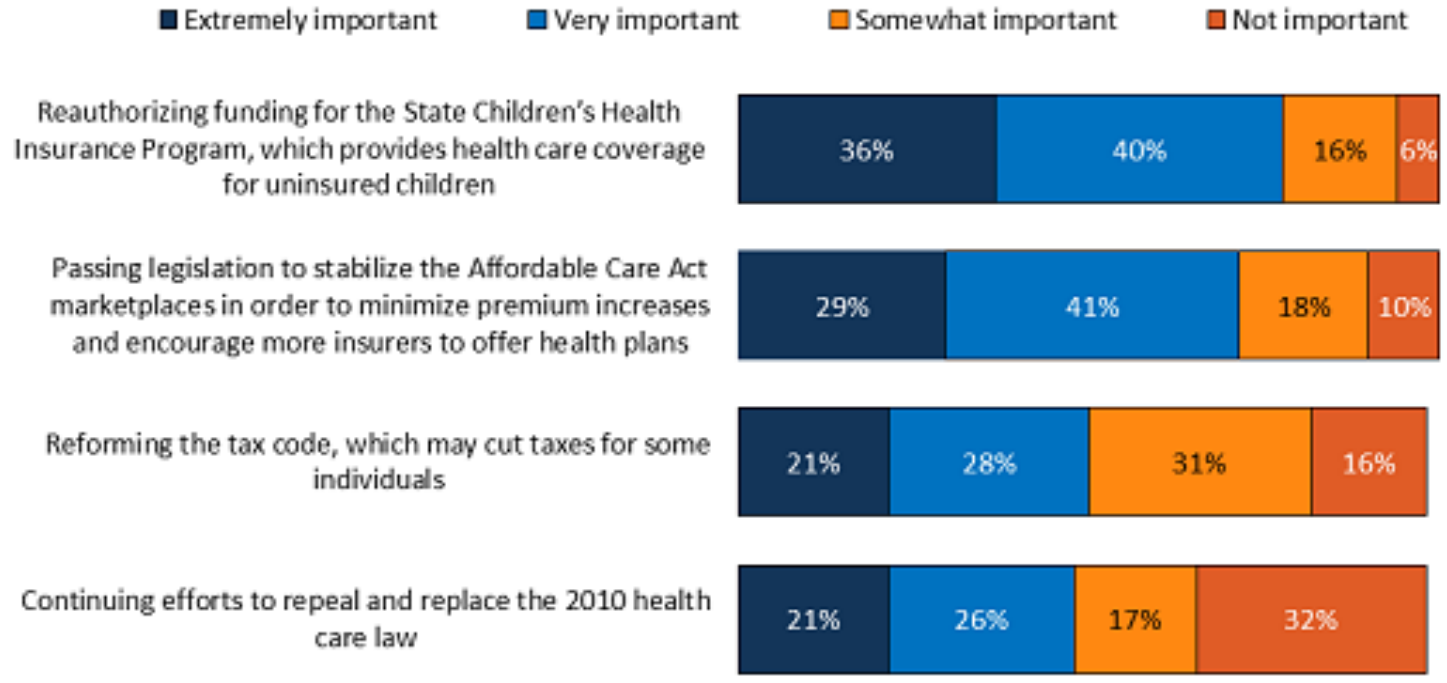
42 CFR

- 42 CFR Part 2 applies to all records relating to the identity, diagnosis, prognosis, or treatment of any patient in a substance abuse program that is conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted by any department or agency of the United States
  - Written consent is required to make records available
  - Can be an impediment to effective care coordination
- House and Senate bills will try to streamline confidentiality, create alignment with HIPPA, and protect privacy
- Maryland example – Release of Information (ROI)

Now What?

Most Say Reauthorizing CHIP and Stabilizing the ACA Are Important Priorities for Congress to Work on Now

Would you say each of the following priorities are extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important for Congress to work on now?



NOTE: Don't know/Refused responses not shown. Question wording abbreviated. See topline for full question wording.
SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll (conducted September 13-18, 2017)

What is important?

"…Health care is a pocketbook issue for most of the public and the American people have their own scoring system. They may give this or that mostly partisan response about a health reform idea on a poll, but until they see how they'll get help paying their health care bills, they will ultimately be disappointed by every health reform plan…" *

* https://www.axios.com/community/Drew_Altman (10/3/2017)

Thank you

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