

# Introduction to Low-Income Coverage under National Health Reform

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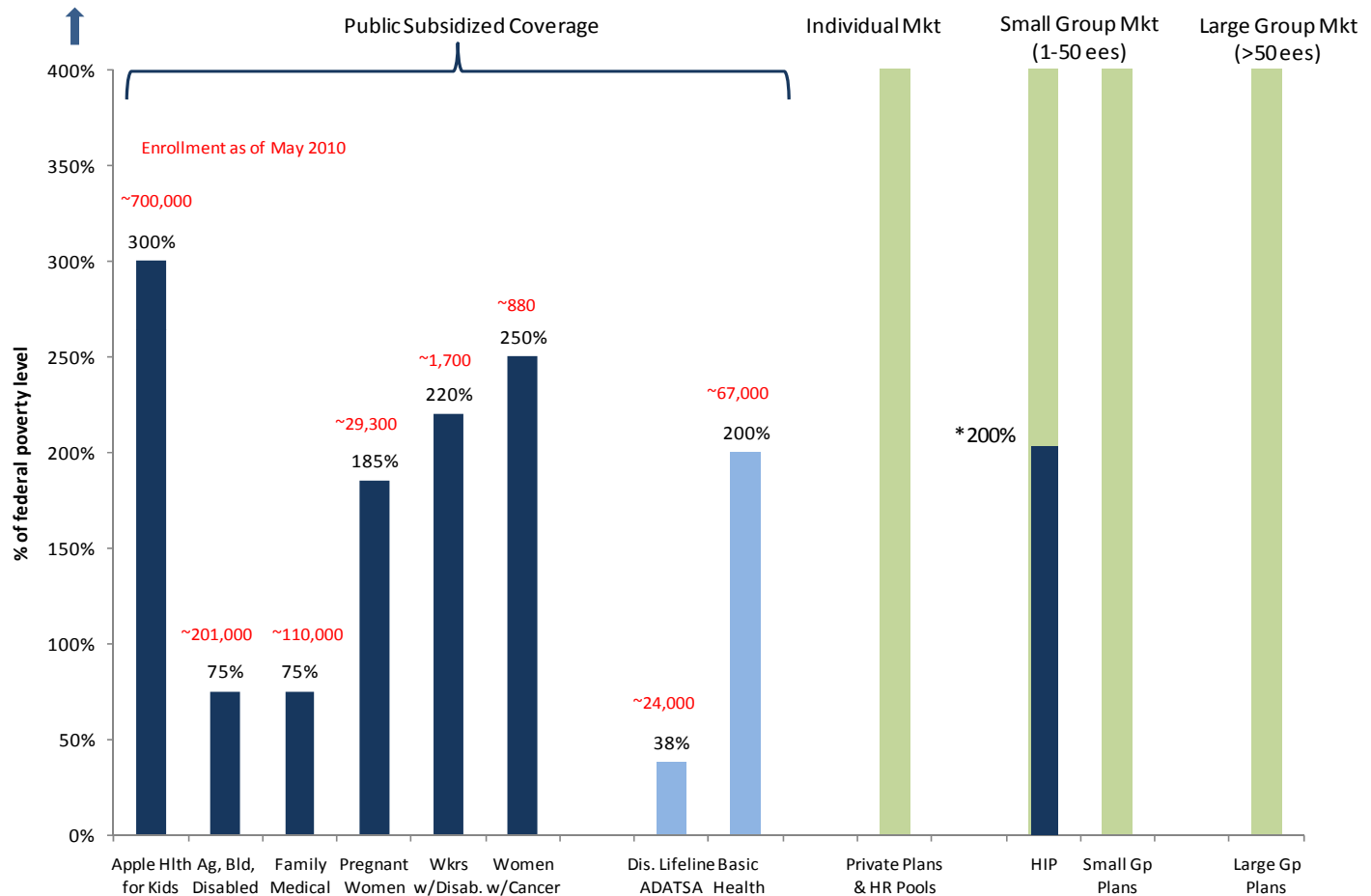
# Today's introduction will review...

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- Current coverage options available (2010)
- Potential coverage options under NHR (2014)
- Phasing of policy discussions
- Key coverage-related questions



# WA's current low-income coverage options



\* The Health Insurance Partnership (HIP) began accepting enrollment 9/1/2011 for coverage beginning 1/1/2011. WA received a DHHS grant through the SHAP program (# H2PHS 16400) that will fund subsidies for individuals with income up to 200% FPL .



# Potential low-income coverage options (under NHR in 2014)

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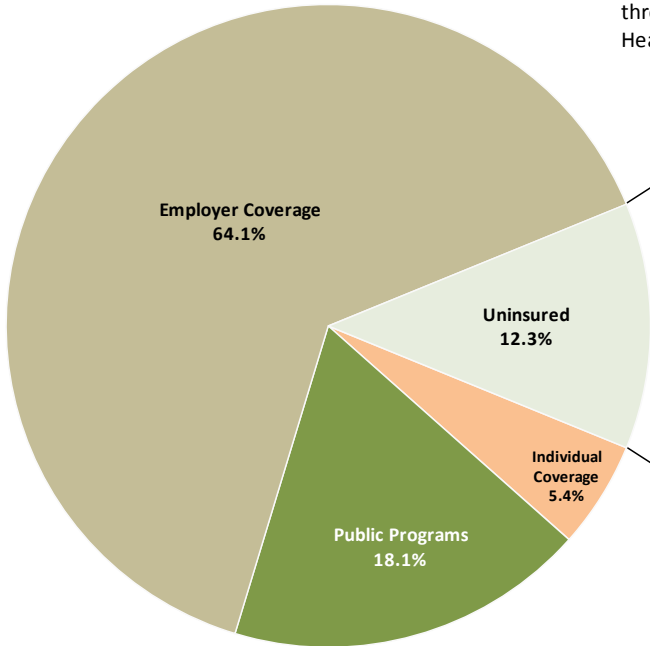
- Medicaid eligibility expands to 133%\* FPL
- New subsidized options become available for documented individuals not eligible for Medicaid:
  - Basic Health option up to 200% FPL
  - Health Insurance Exchange
    - Subsidies for individuals 200-400% FPL
    - Subsidies up to 200% FPL if Basic Health option not available
- Medicaid “could” expand beyond 133% FPL

\* In 2010, 133% of federal poverty for a family of four is \$29,327



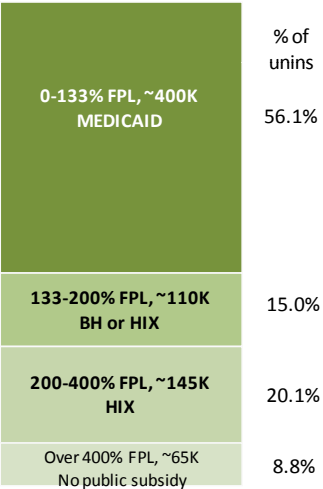
# Distribution of Coverage by Source for individuals under age 65, 2008

Estimated 2008 Coverage\*



Potential NHR Subsidized Coverage

Over 90% of WA's uninsured population under age 65 could potentially be eligible for subsidized coverage through Medicaid, the Basic Health (BH) option or a Health Insurance Exchange (HIX).



\* Source: Estimates from 2008 Washington State Population Survey - updated survey data for 2010 will be available later this fall. Includes individuals under age 65 (N=5.8m. )



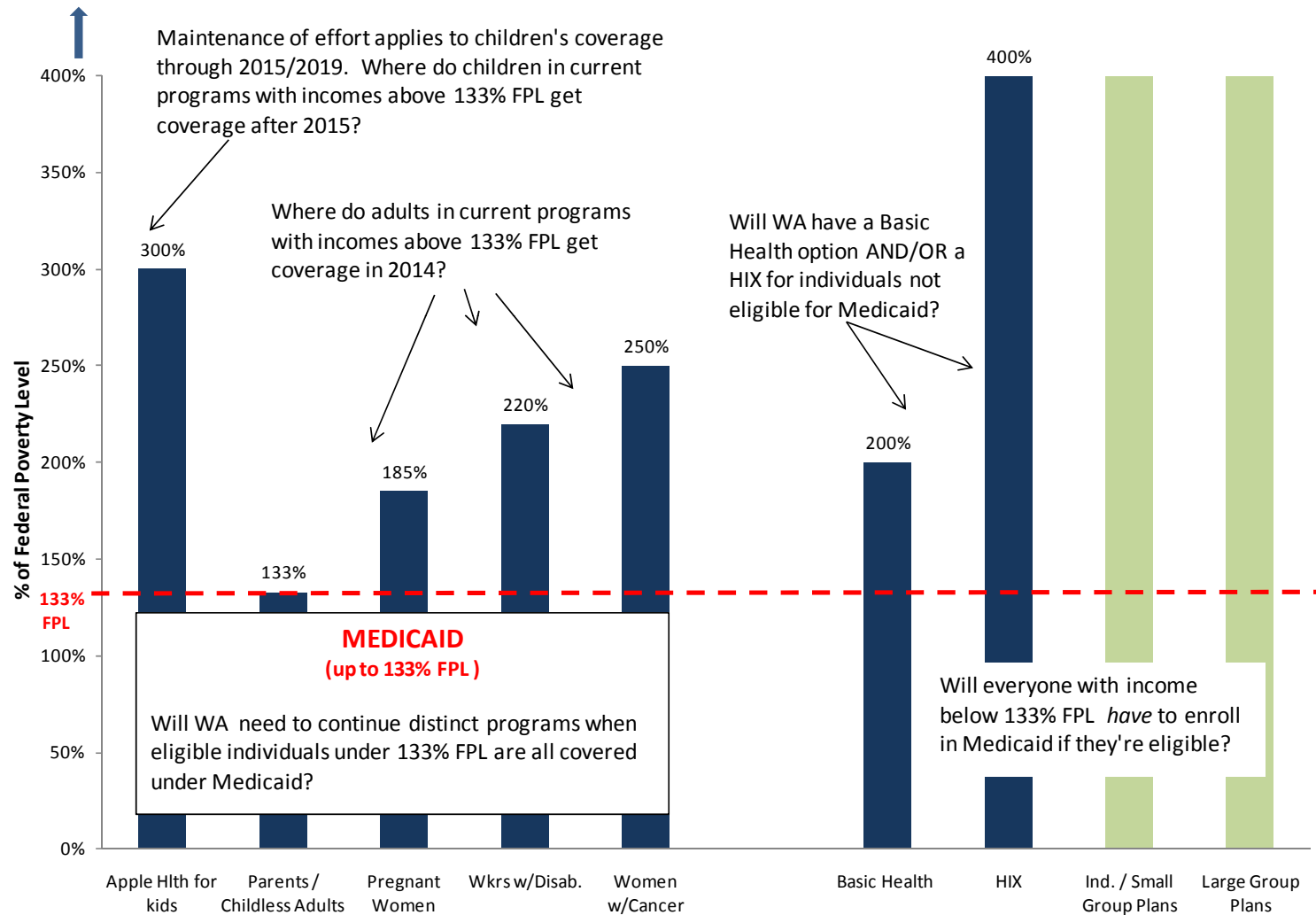
# Phases of Policy Discussion

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- Phase 1 (2011):
  - Framing of low-income coverage options
  - Assessment of current systems & technology infrastructure - capacity & flexibility to support NHR
  - Modeling of implementation cost
- Informed by HIX analysis, DHHS guidance, Steering Committee/Advisory Groups discussion



# Key NHR Low-Income Coverage Questions



# Phases of Policy Discussion (cont)

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- Phase 2 (2012-2014):
  - Design of benefits and cost sharing for new Medicaid-eligibles
  - Tribal systems interface
  - Eligibility details using MAGI calculation
  - Interface with HIX and Basic Health option
  - Delivery system
- Requires DHHS clarification and results of HIX planning; informed by 1115 Transitional Bridge Waiver milestones





# Follow-up Information

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# Appendix: Federal Poverty Levels

2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES ALL STATES (EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII)							
ANNUAL GUIDELINES							
FAMILY SIZE	PERCENT OF POVERTY						
	75%	100%	133%	185%	200%	250%	300%
1	\$8,123	\$10,830	\$14,404	\$20,036	\$21,660	\$27,075	\$32,490
2	\$10,928	\$14,570	\$19,378	\$26,955	\$29,140	\$36,425	\$43,710
3	\$13,733	\$18,310	\$24,352	\$33,874	\$36,620	\$45,775	\$54,930
4	\$16,538	\$22,050	\$29,327	\$40,793	\$44,100	\$55,125	\$66,150
5	\$19,343	\$25,790	\$34,301	\$47,712	\$51,580	\$64,475	\$77,370
6	\$22,148	\$29,530	\$39,275	\$54,631	\$59,060	\$73,825	\$88,590
7	\$24,953	\$33,270	\$44,249	\$61,550	\$66,540	\$83,175	\$99,810
8	\$27,758	\$37,010	\$49,223	\$68,469	\$74,020	\$92,525	\$111,030
+	3,740	added for each additional member in family units of more than 8 members					

