

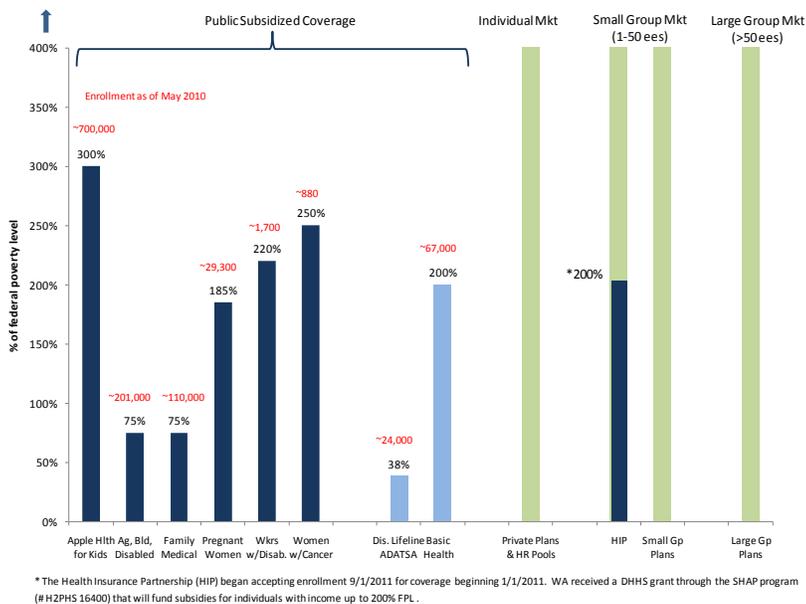
Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Implementation Low-Income Coverage Advisory Group

September 15, 2010 Meeting Summary

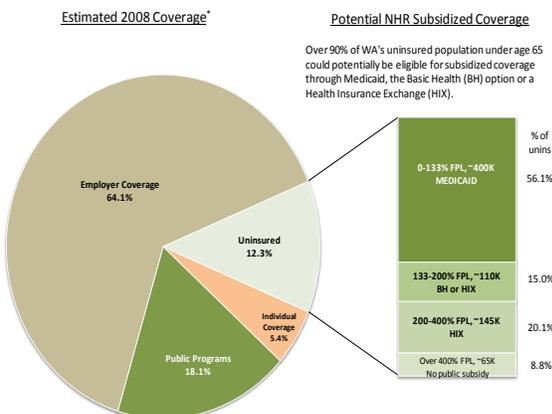
2014 Coverage/Eligibility Changes for Medicaid

The group reviewed the morning presentation to the Joint Select Committee (from Roger Gants and Jenny Hamilton, Medicaid Purchasing Administration) summarizing the current coverage programs available for low-income persons; the breakdown of the uninsured by income and anticipated enrollment options that may be available in 2014; new eligibility changes for 2014 coverage; policy questions that may be considered in phase 1 and phase 2 planning for low-income coverage changes; and connections with the Exchange. (Power point slides are available at: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/JointCommittees/HRI/Documents/Sept2010/LowIncomeCoverage.pdf> and some slides are copied below.)

WA's current low-income coverage options

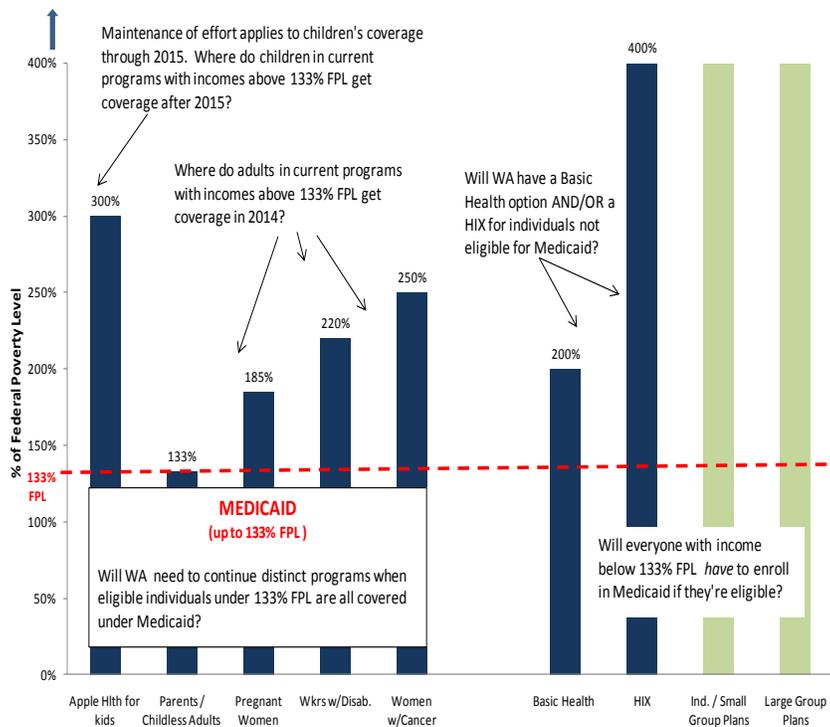


Distribution of Coverage by Source for individuals under age 65, 2008



* 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.)

Key NHR Low-Income Coverage Questions



Phase 1 Policy Options:

The group held a discussion of what policy considerations affecting low-income populations would need to be addressed in the 2011 legislative session. While the Group did not vote on a particular list, some of the options discussed related to:

- Whether or not to have a Basic Health Plan option;
- Computer functionality needs in order to meet program integration requirements;
- How to coordinate care for the low-income populations, including how to include behavioral health and long-term care into medical home models;
- Managing a transition from a fee for service reimbursement system to a managed care model, including a review of any necessary anti-trust safe harbors; and
- How to provide services involving integrated care in rural areas.

Follow-Up Materials to be sent:

- The research articles, by the Urban Institute and the Center for Health Care Strategies, discussing the health status of new Medicaid enrollees under health reform, and experiences of states covering "childless adults".
- Draft principles packaged by a sub-group of the advisory group were distributed for individuals to review and send comments or suggestions before the next meeting.
- Longer list of framing questions for the low-income coverage changes (beyond phase 1 and phase 2 highlights) being prepared by Medicaid Purchasing Administration - will be sent when draft is available for additional feedback from this group.

Next Meeting:

- Scheduled for November 10, 2010; 9 am - 11 am in Olympia, Cherberg Building, ABC conference room.
- The co-chairs have requested that advisory group members bring ideas for the 2011 session to the November meeting.