PEOPLE OVER POLITICS: The Solution to our Healthcare Logjam

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Governor of Kentucky
2007-2015
Kentucky at a Glance

- 120 Counties
- Median Household Income $43,399
- 4.3 million Kentuckians
- Abysmal health rankings
Kentucky’s Health Status in 2012

50th in smoking
40th in obesity
43rd in sedentary lifestyles
41st in diabetes
48th in poor mental health days
49th in poor physical health days
50th in cancer deaths
49th in cardiac heart disease
43rd in high cholesterol
48th in heart attacks
44th in annual dental visits
AFTER ACA PASSED, TWO STATE DECISIONS:

- State-based exchange?
  Federal funding available for setting up state based exchange

- Expand Medicaid?
  Federal funds for newly eligible 100% in first 3 years, going down to 90% thereafter
2013 PwC Study

1. Will create 17,000 new jobs over 8 years
2. Inject $15.6 billion into Kentucky’s economy over 8 years
3. Protect Kentucky hospitals from impact of cuts in indigent care funding
4. Have $802 million positive budget impact
Impact on Health

1. Kentucky’s uninsured rate dropped from more than 20% to 7.5%

2. Uncompensated care rate dropped from approximately 25% to less than 5%

3. Kentucky vs. Texas (Harvard’s School of Public Health Study) - low-income Kentuckians in better health, more likely have a doctor, to have their chronic disease or condition treated, and to have been screened for things like high blood sugar and high cholesterol
Impact on Health (continued)

Dramatic increases in preventive health care by Kentucky Medicaid recipients between 2013 and 2014:

- Breast cancer screenings rose 111%
- Cervical cancer screenings rose 88%
- Colorectal cancer screenings rose 108%
- Preventive dental services up 116%
- Physical exams up 187%
- Cholesterol screenings up 111%
- Flu vaccines up 143%
- Diabetic screenings up 55%
Impact In Kentucky

> 20% Un-Insured
After 18 months ACA

< 8% Un-Insured
Impact In Kentucky > 20% Un-Insured

After 18 months ACA < 8% Un-Insured
2015 Deloitte Study - 8-year Projections Based on First Year Actual Numbers

1. 12,000 actual new jobs created in first year - project 40,000 over 8 years

2. Almost $3 billion in new revenues for providers in first 18 months plus substantially less uncompensated care costs

3. $30 billion positive impact on Kentucky economy over 8 years

4. $300 million positive impact on the state General Fund in next two-year budget and positive net impact of $820 million over 8 years on state and local government
Trump Elected
For Republicans, the Dog
Just Caught the Car
WHAT’S NEXT?
Poll by Commonwealth Fund at end of 2017

92% of working-age adults think that Americans should have the right to affordable health care, including 99% of Democrats, 82% of Republicans, and 92% of Independents.
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