ACAView: Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Providers

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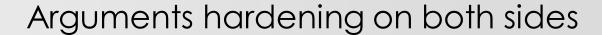




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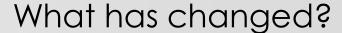




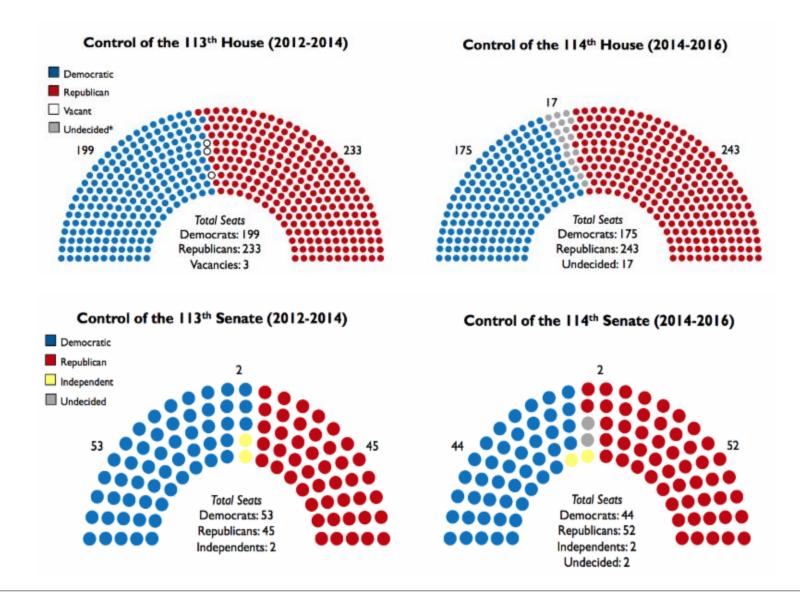


- Surge in coverage
- Exceeding expectations
- Technical hurdles cleared
- Costs remaining level

- Unconstitutional usurpation of power
- Focus on access exacerbating cost problem
- No transparency
- "Back end" glitches persist









And this crew gets another say soon





King v. Burwell

- Challenge to legality of federal subsidies
- Statute provides for subsidies via exchanges set up "by the state
- 5 million patients in more than 30 states
- Decision expected early summer

We have a lot more data than we had in August...

So what does it show?



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Seeing a drop in uninsured

Lowest Uninsured Rate on Record

Percentage of U.S. Adults Without Insurance, by Quarter

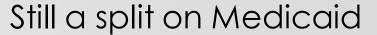


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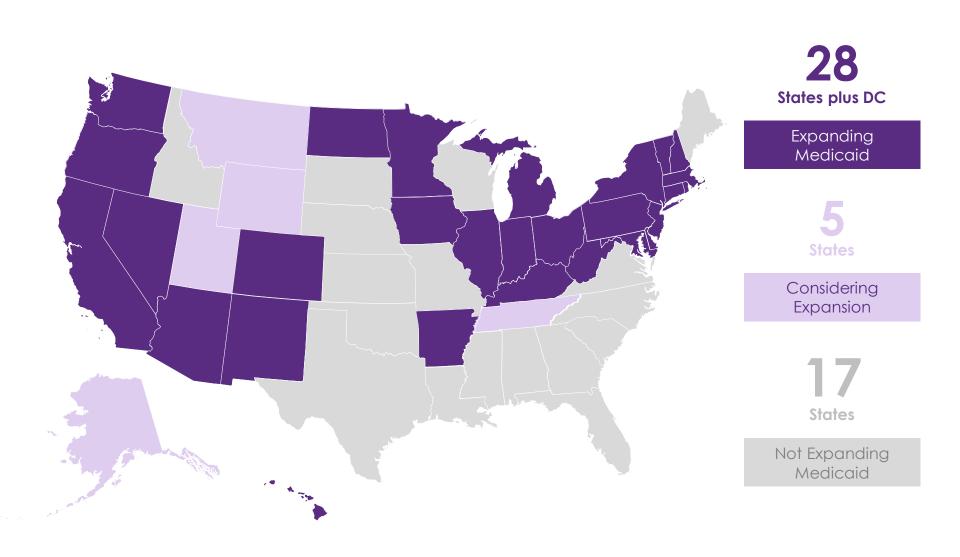
Decrease in Proportion of Uninsured Visits on athenaNet¹, Expansion States

10%

Decrease in Proportion of Uninsured Visits on athenaNet¹, Non-Expansion States

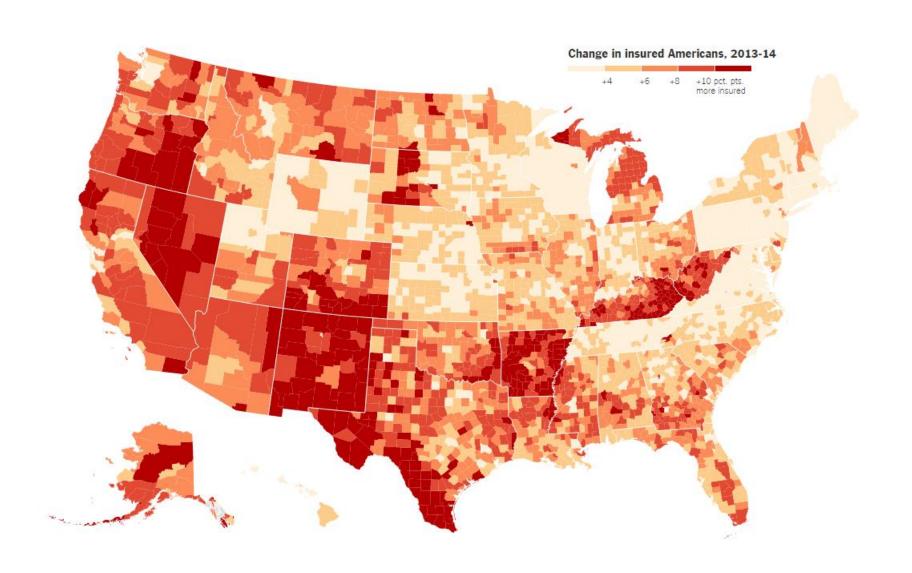








Coverage expansion not uniform





Coverage expansion transformational in some areas, a non-event in others

County	Uninsured Rate		
	2013	2014	Relative Reduction
Los Angeles, CA	21%	12%	43%
Cook Country, IL	17%	10%	41%
King Country, WA	11%	7%	36%
Miami-Dade, FL	28%	19%	32%
Houston, TX	27%	19%	30%
Dekalb, GA	22%	16%	27%
Cumberland, ME	11%	10%	9%
York County, PA	12%	12%	0%

Hampshire, WV

2013: 22% 2014: 11%

Reduction: 50%

Frederick, VA

2013: 11% 2014: 10%

Reduction: 9%



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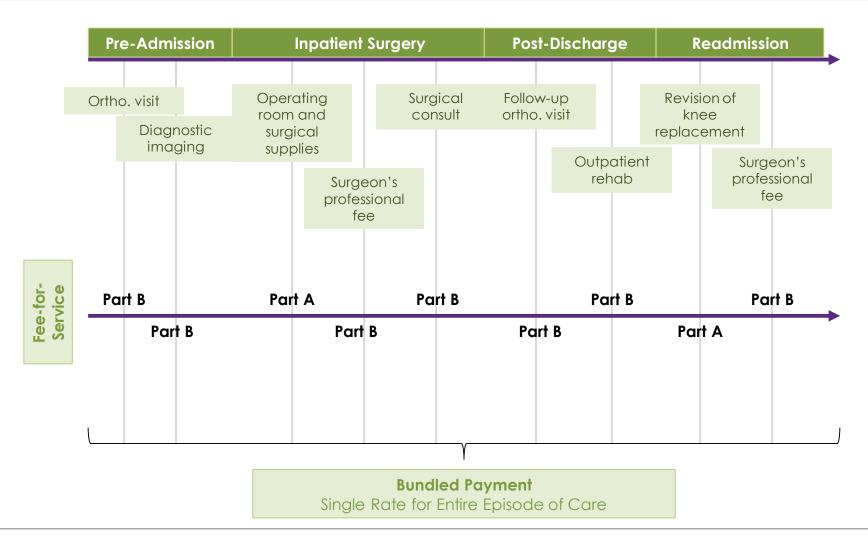
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Bundled payments shift risk for episodes of care

Shifting Risk for an Episode of Care

Charges for an Illustrative Knee Replacement





Bundled Payment Off to a Solid Start

Medicare Moving Quickly

Bundled Payments for Care Improvement



- National initiative launched in 2011 by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)
- Offers 48 standardized bundles, including cardiac surgeries, orthopedics, diabetes, and CHF
- Covers pre-admission, inpatient, and (in some cases) post-discharge care
- Several hundred actively participating,6,000 more have expressed interest

Example Surgical Bundles

- Spinal fusion
- Major joint replacement of the lower extremity
- Pacemaker
- Coronary artery bypass graft (CABG)
- Major cardiovascular procedures
- Percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)
- Cardiac valve

Example Medical Bundles

- Diabetes
- Sepsis
- Urinary tract infection
- Congestive heart failure
- Atherosclerosis
- Renal failure
- COPD
- Acute myocardial infarction



ACOs looking past the episode of care

Accountable Care Organizations

- Patients attributed to ACOs based on geography, health plan, or site of primary care services
- ACOs accountable for overall cost of care patient, with bonuses for low costs and penalties for excess expenditures
- Bonuses depend on meeting quality targets
- Typically allow patients to access wider network, often transparent to patients

Scope of ACO Responsibilities

Primary care

Tele-monitoring

Chronic disease management

Wellness clinics and education

Inpatient procedures

Post-acute rehabilitation

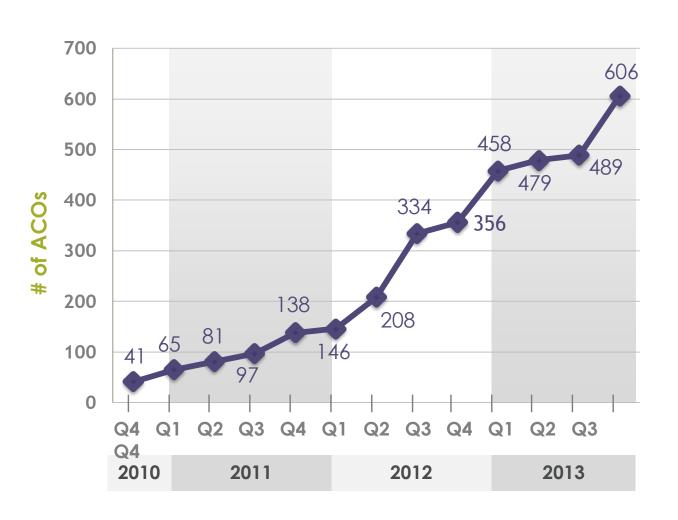
Post-discharge monitoring

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Providers embracing greater accountability



ACOs in Brief

- Employers steering employees to quality health systems
- >50% of US population lives in markets served by ACOs
- 260 ACOs sponsored by medical groups
- ACOs cover 18 million individuals

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107 million visits per year (68 million clinical)

2 billion+ electronic transactions per year

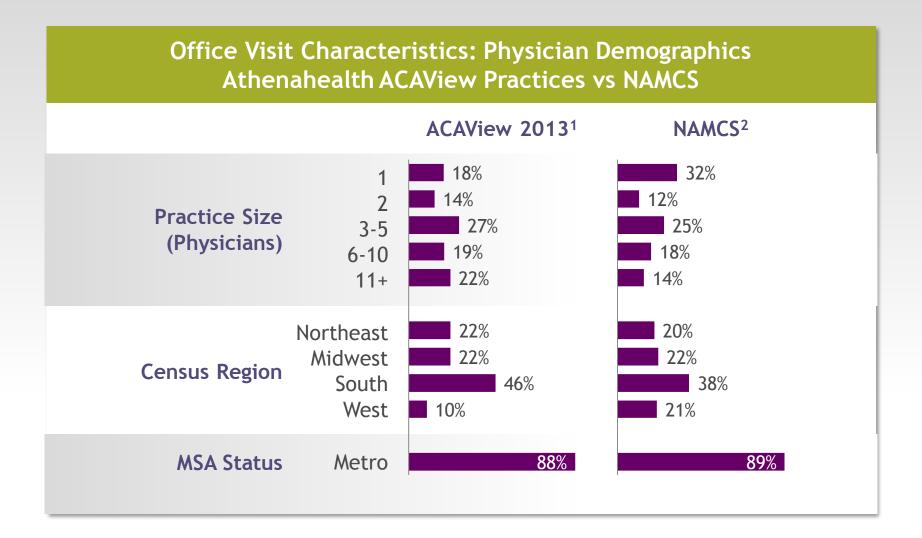
670 million + payer transactions per year

39,000+ pharmacies, 1200+ labs, 780+ imaging centers

161,000+ interfaces with 56,000 trading partners



A robust sample: physician demographics



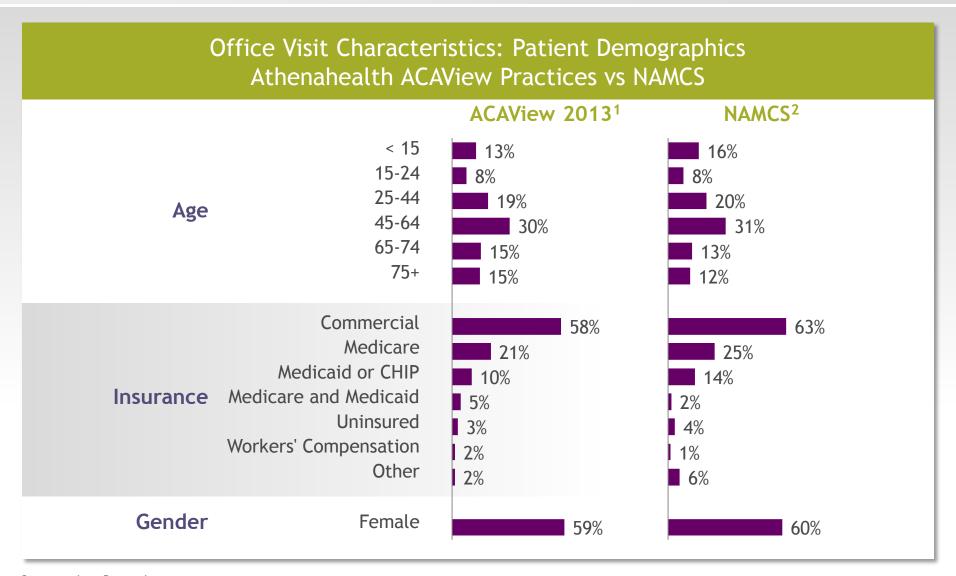
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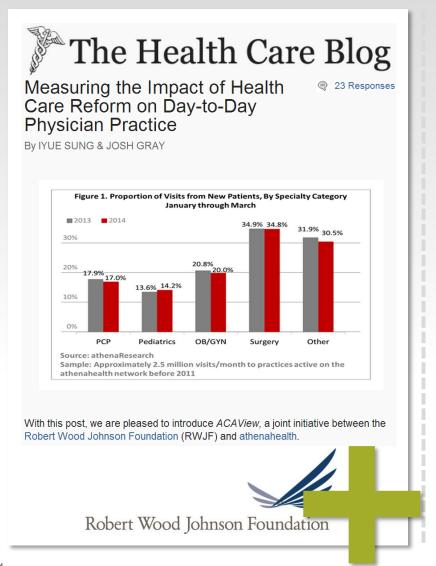
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ACA View: Measuring the impact of health care reform



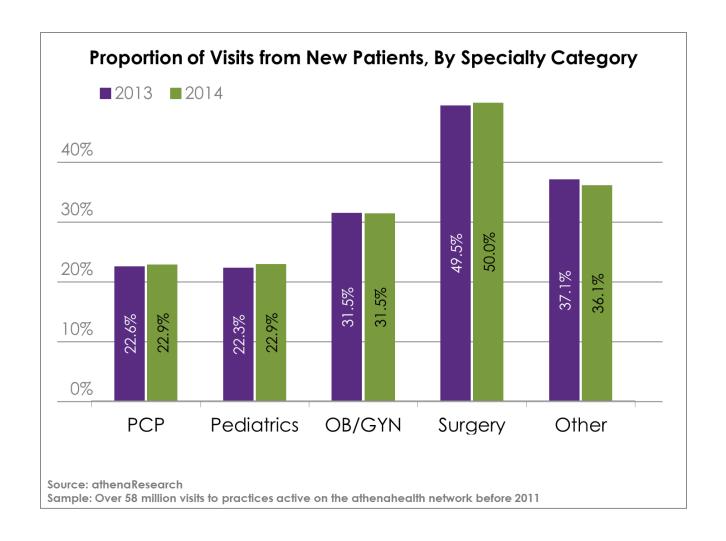
Metrics include...

- Percent of total visits from new patients
- Percent of new patients with chronic disease
- Patient copays
- Bad debt
- Provider reimbursement levels
- Appointment wait time
- Work RVUs per visit





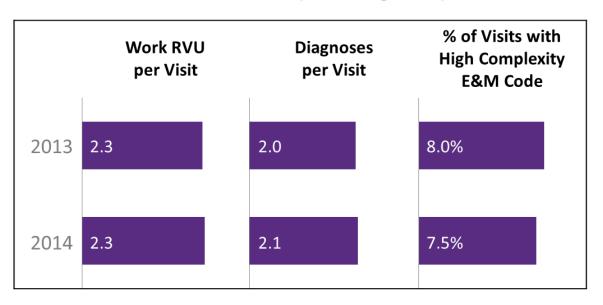
Physicians not seeing noticeably more new patients





Only modest changes in acuity of new patients

Work Intensity Metrics for New Patients 2013 vs 2014, January through September



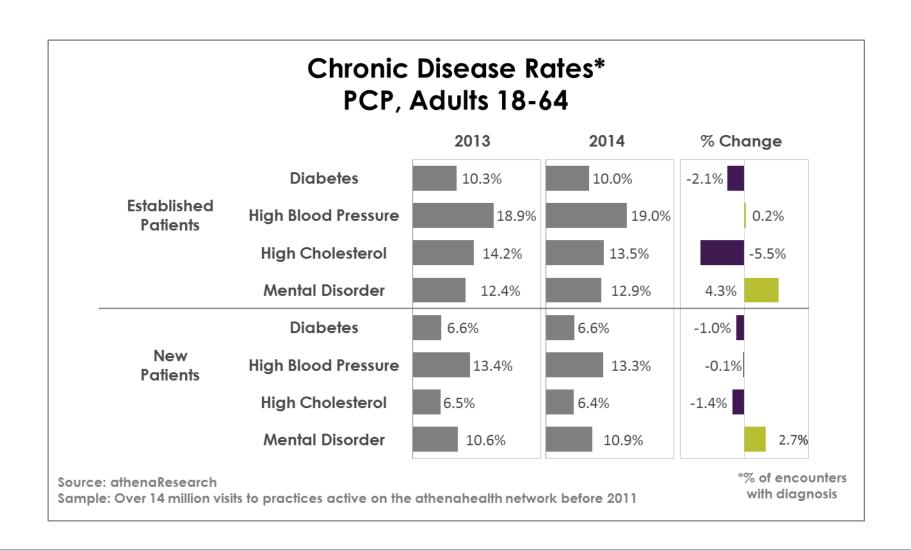
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Sample: Over 17 million visits to practices active on the athenahealth network

before 2011

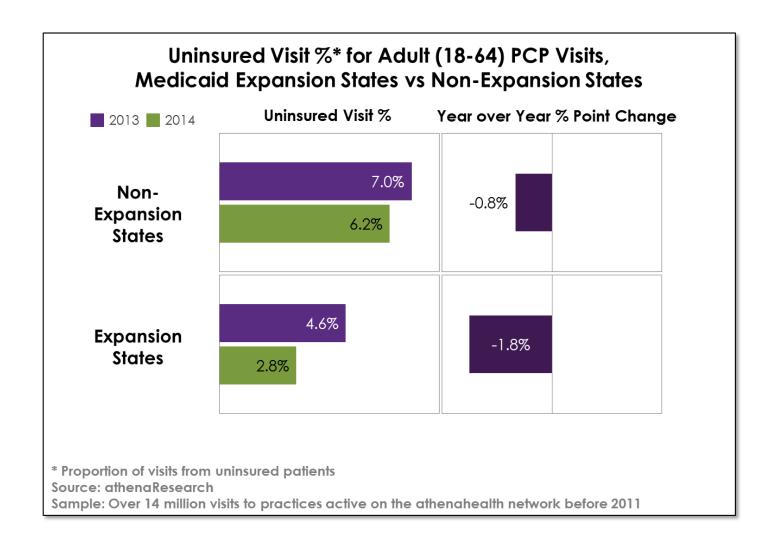


No clear patterns in chronic disease rates of new patients



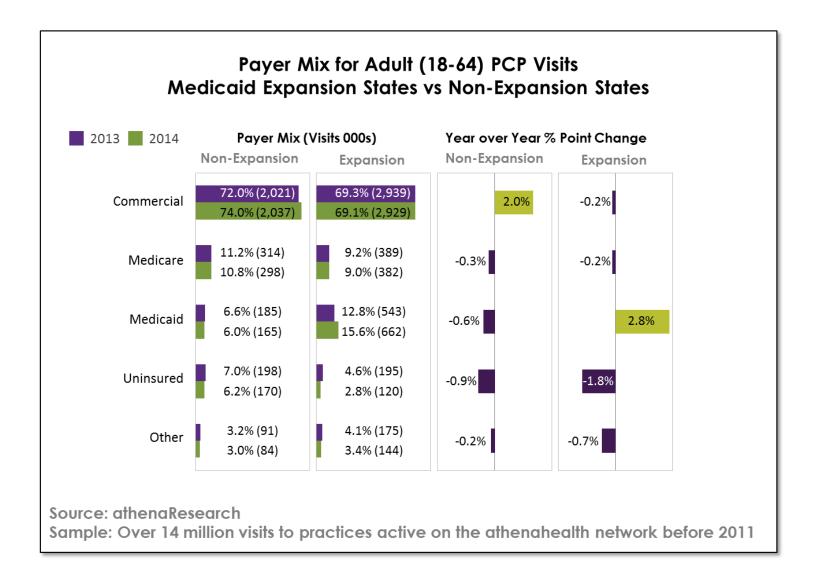


Uninsured patient volumes down dramatically in expansion states



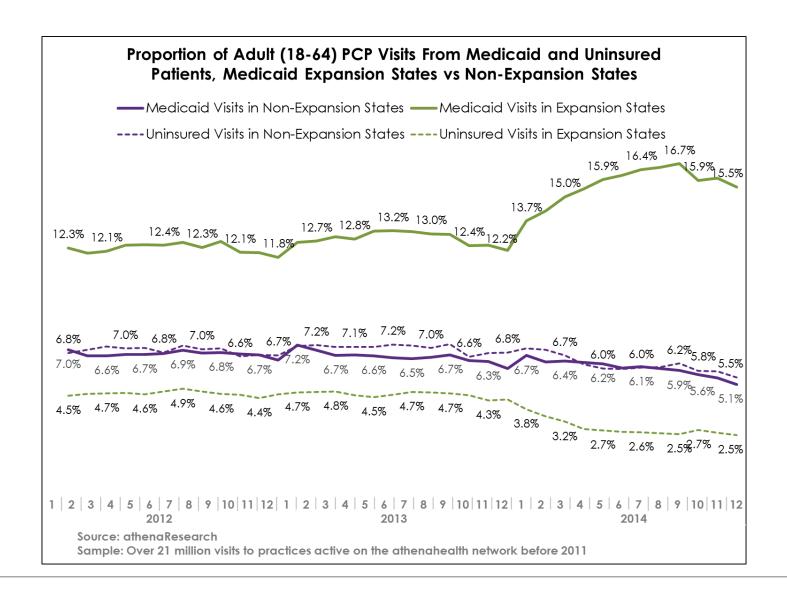


Different payer-mix shifts in expansion versus non-expansion states





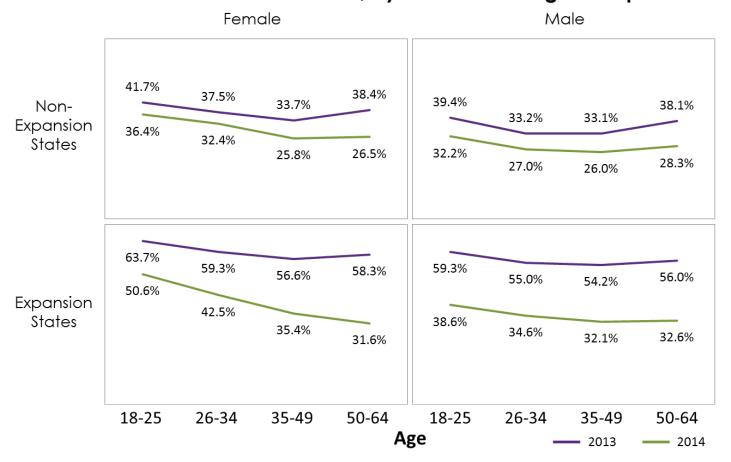
Shift to Medicaid occurred rapidly





Many more existing patients obtaining insurance

Proportion of Adult PCP Patients Uninsured in the Prior Year Who Gained Insurance in 2013 and 2014, by Gender and Age Group

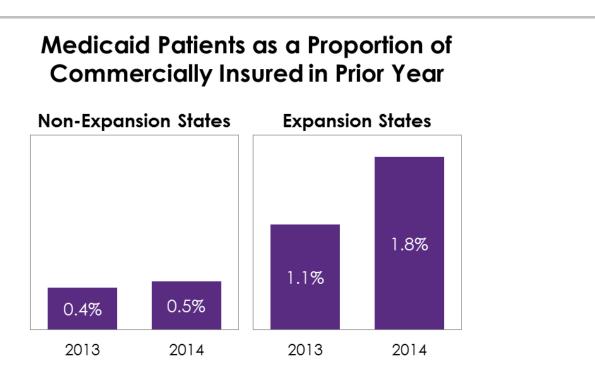


Source: athenaResearch

Sample: Approx 100K patients per year, practices active on the athenahealth network before 2011



More patients switching from Medicaid to Commercial coverage



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Sample: Approximately 1.5M patients of practices active on the athenahealth network before 2011

* 18-64 Years Old



Next steps in ACAView research

What is happening to patient financial obligations?

What is the net effect of the ACA on physician reimbursement levels?

What are the health characteristics and utilization patterns of patients that have received coverage through the health insurance exchanges?

Are patients who switch insurance migrating to plans with higher patient obligations and lower physician reimbursement?



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#2

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Questions?