Federal Threats to Health Care

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The War on Health Care: Big Picture

• ACA is still here, despite ongoing attacks
  • Individual mandate repeal
  • Administrative sabotage

• Medicaid under attack
Where are we legislatively?

• Last year’s repeated repeal attempts

• Individual mandate repeal

• Graham/Cassidy 2.0?
Graham-Cassidy 2.0

• Codifies the short-term limited duration rule (a.k.a., junk plans)

• Includes the Cruz Amendment that allows states to waive consumer protections
Graham-Cassidy 2.0 (cont.)

- Replaces funding for ACA financial assistance and Medicaid expansion
- Two-thirds to 80 percent goes to a block grant
- Ten-15% for expanded Health Savings Accounts
- Rest to pay for repeal of the employer mandate
Where are we administratively?

• Marketplace sabotage – formal rulemaking
  • Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters
  • Short-term limited duration plans
  • Association Health Plans

• Marketplace sabotage – other actions
  • Trump tweets/administration statements
  • Open enrollment policies
Where are we administratively?

• Medicaid waivers
  • Work requirements
  • Lockout periods
  • Shifting costs to enrollees

• Other threats
  • Contraception rule
  • Public charge proposal
  • Health Care Rights Law (section 1557) changes
  • Domestic gag rule
Ways to respond

• Federal advocacy
  • Pressure on legislators
  • Participate in the rulemaking process

• State advocacy
  • Support actions to protect marketplaces
  • Oppose harmful changes to Medicaid
  • Advocate for Medicaid expansion
Questions?