COUNTDOWN TO COVERAGE: Ready for Lift Off



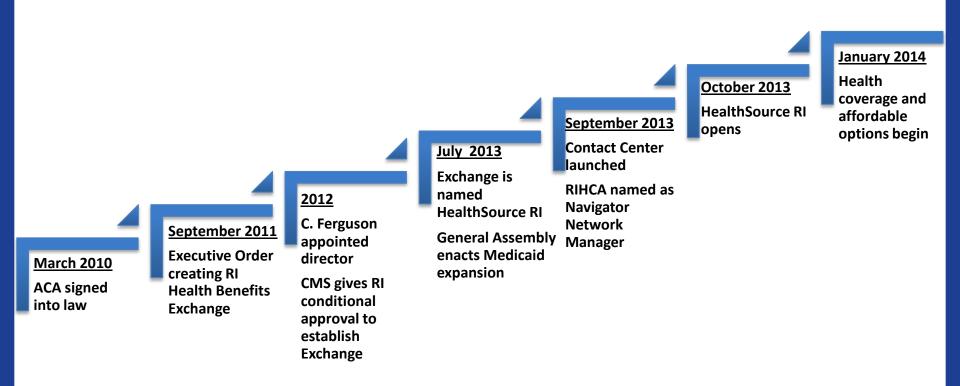




RHODE ISLAND ______ HEALTH COVERAGE PROJECT

An initiative of The Economic Progress Institute and Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

How Far We've Come!



Goal: More Rhode Islanders Have Health Insurance

Most People Required to have Insurance in 2014

Will report on tax return in April 2015

New Options for Affordable Coverage

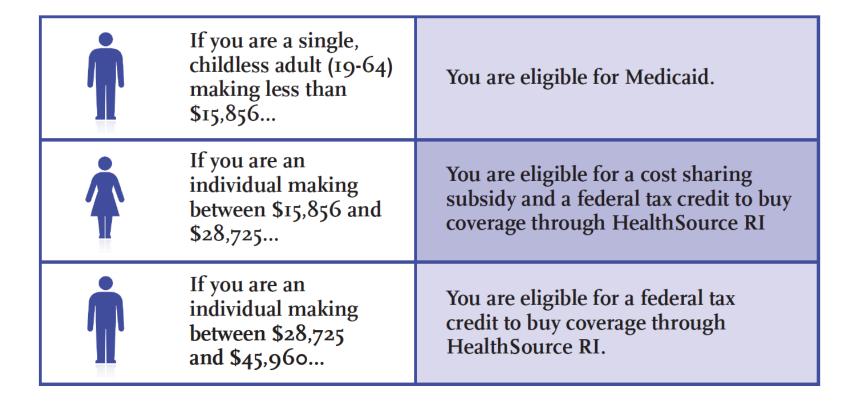
Medicaid Expansion for Adults

Federal tax credits to pay for commercial insurance when buy through HealthSource RI Single Online Application for Affordable Coverage

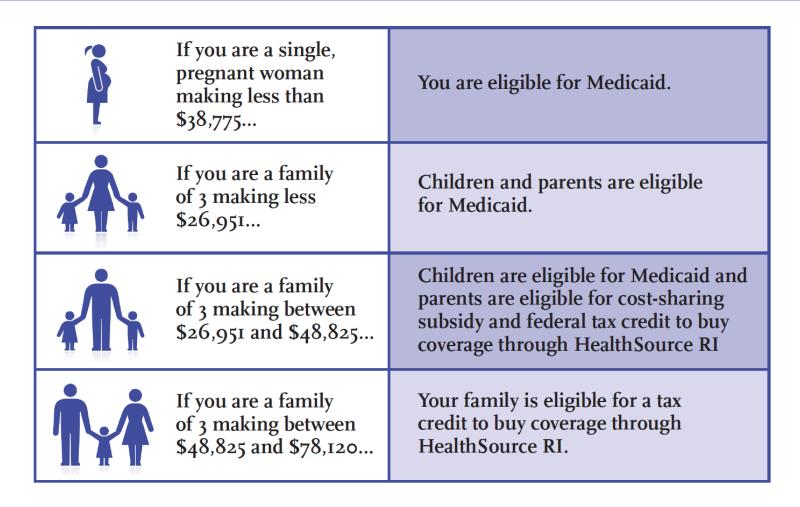
Paperless

Immediate determination of eligibility

Affordable Coverage Single Adult (Ages 19-64)



Affordable Coverage Pregnant Women and Families



Immigrant Eligibility

Category	Medicaid		HealthSource RI Purchase coverage, eligible for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reduction
	Children and Pregnant Women	Adults	
Lawful Permanent Resident	Y	After 5 yrs in status or entered US before 8/22/96 or vet/active duty	Y – No 5 year bar
Refugee, Asylee, Victim of Trafficking, others*	Υ	Υ	Y
Lawfully present individuals (including Temporary Protected Status, Deferred Enforced Departure)	Υ	N	Υ
Domestic Violence Survivors (VAWA)	Υ	Y, but only after 5 yrs	Υ
Undocumented	Pregnant Women – Y Children: Eligible only for Emergency Medicaid	Eligible only for Emergency Medicaid	N

^{*}Also includes Cuban/Haitian entrants, Amerasian immigrants, Iraqi or Afghan special immigrants, and individuals granted withholding of deportation or removal.

Immigrant Eligibility

Only family members who are applying for coverage need to provide a social security number and immigration/citizenship status.

Ineligible parent can apply for eligible children

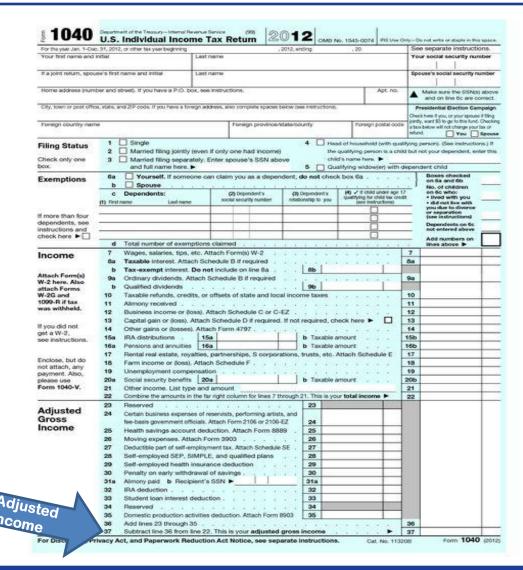
Status is electronically verified through:

- Social Security Administration (citizenship)
- USCIS (non-US citizens)

Receipt of Medicaid (or tax credits) does not affect the right of an LPR to become a US citizen.

A Little Bit of MAGI: Calculating Income

- ➤ MAGI income is used to determine eligibility for tax credits and for RIte Care/Medicaid eligibility
- ➤ Household= tax filer and persons claimed as dependents



Medicaid in 2014

- Adults without children: 133% FPL under MAGI Methodology
- Children aging out of foster care will remain eligible for Medicaid until age 26
- ➤ Children: Eligibility stays the same MAGI Methodology applies. Eligibility at 261% FPL
- No monthly premiums to enroll in RIte Care.
- Pregnant women: Eligibility stays the same MAGI Methodology applies. Eligibility at 253% FPL



Medicaid in 2014 RIte Care/RIte Share

- Children: Eligibility stays the same MAGI Methodology applies
- Pregnant women: Eligibility stays the same MAGI Methodology applies
- Parents Eligibility changes to 133% FPL based on MAGI Methodology
- ➤ Cost-sharing: No monthly premiums to enroll in RIte Care; Buy-in for RIte Share (subject to approval from federal government).





Medicaid in 2014 RIte Care/RIte Share

Families currently enrolled in RIte Care/RIte Share will have new MAGI rules applied at recertification.

Recertification will be postponed for one year.

Recertification will be online.



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Medicaid in 2014 Parents

- > May still be eligible in January
 - > Disabled
 - > Pregnant
 - > New MAGI income



- Notice Informational (October) and individual (December)
- New state program to help pay premium if enroll through HSRI

Medicaid in 2014 Parents

- Parents who appear to be ineligible in January will receive informational notice in October
- Health plans will be provided list of parents and can contact parent
 - > Continuity of care
 - > Dental coverage

Medicaid in 2014 Parents

- Parents advised to call contact center to enroll in insurance through HSRI
- ➤ Parents should be eligible for federal tax credit, costsharing reduction (help paying for out of pocket expenses) and state premium assistance



Medicaid in 2014 New State Health Assistance Program

- Additional assistance beyond federal premium taxcredits and cost-sharing.
- In discussions with Federal Government for potential federal financial participation
- Working closely with HealthSource RI to implement.

Help Paying for Private Insurance Premium Tax Credit

Purchase coverage through: HealthSource RI

Income below <400% FPL

Family Size/Yearly Income

- 1 <\$46,000
- 2 <\$62,000
- 3 <\$78,000
- 4 <\$94,000

Not eligible for other coverage

- ✓ Medicaid
- ✓ Other public insurance
- ✓ Affordable employer insurance that meets minimum value test
- ✓ Affordable employer coverage= cost is less than 9.5% of income to buy individual coverage

How the Tax Credit Works

"Second Lowest-cost Silver Plan"

– Purchaser's Premium Contribution

= TAX CREDIT

Percentage of Poverty Line	Premium Contribution as Percentage of Income
100-133% FPL	2%
133-150% FPL	3 - 4%
150-200% FPL	4 - 6.3%
200-250% FPL	6.3 - 8.1%
250-300% FPL	8.1 - 9.5%
300-350% FPL	9.5%
350-400% FPL	9.5%

- Can claim credit when filing taxes or take the credit each month and use it to help pay for health insurance
- > Can designate amount to take in advance

How the Tax Credit Works

John (Age 27)

Earns: \$21,800/year

Cost of plan: \$2,892/year

\$241/month



John's contribution (5.83% of income): \$1,272/year

Yearly Tax Credit: \$1,620

The monthly credit: \$135

Fed. Gov. pays: \$135

John pays: \$106

\$241

HSRI

Health Plan

John Can Use the Tax Credit to Help Pay for Any Plan

	NHPRI	BCBSRI	BCBSRI	BCBSRI
Plan Name	NHPRI Plus	VantageBlue Direct 3000/6000 (2 nd lowest cost plan)	BlueSolutions for HSA Direct 5000/10000	BCBSRI BasicBlue Direct
Plan Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Catastrophic
Premium (Age 27)	\$3,384/year	\$2,892/year	\$2,088/year	\$1,884/year
Monthly Cost to John w/ Tax Credit	\$282 - \$135 = \$147	\$241 - \$135 = \$106	\$174 - \$135 = \$39	\$157 - \$135 = \$22

More detailed plan information can be found at www.HealthSourceRl.com

Families: RIte Care and Tax Credit

Joan works as a dental assistant and has 2 children Yearly Income: \$39,060 (twice the poverty level)

Starting January 2014:

RIte Care: \$ 0

Exchange: \$205

Total: **\$205**



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Requirement to Have Insurance

Penalty assessed when file tax return Unless Exempt

Exemptions:

- Below threshold for filing income tax (\$10,000 individual; \$20,000 family)
- > Premium is more than 8% of income
- Incarcerated
- Undocumented
- Native American
- > Member of certain religious sects
- > Short coverage gap



Requirement to Have Insurance

Penalty in 2014 The *greater* of:

- >\$95 per adult and \$47.50 per child up to \$285 for a family *or*
- >1% of income

Income = total income above tax filing threshold (\$10,000 for individual and \$20,000 for family)

EXAMPLE: Requirement to Have Insurance

Family of 3

- > Parent earns \$39,060/year (200% FPL)
- >Children in RIte Care

Parent penalty= \$95 *or* 1% of income (\$190.60)

PENALTY = \$190.60 1% of \$19,060 (\$39,060-\$20,000 = \$19,060)



Application Process

Online at:

- > HealthSource RI
- > RI Dept. of Human Services
- ➤ RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services

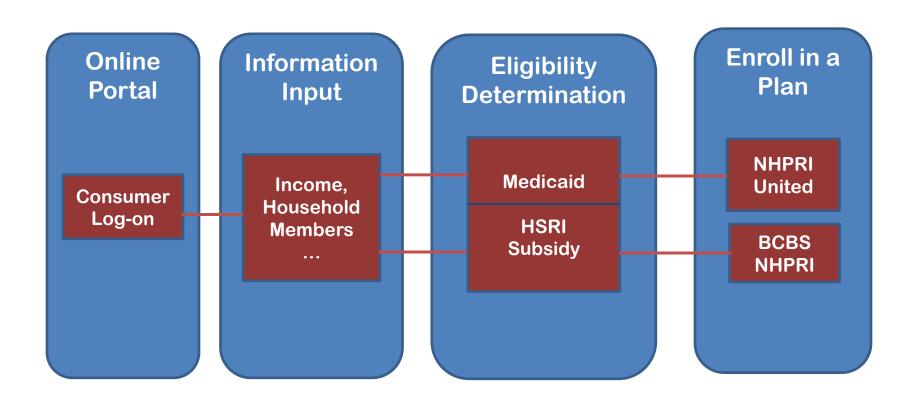


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- Online enrollment begins October 1, 2013
 - Coverage starts January 1, 2014 for Medicaid expansion and commercial insurance

Type of Insurance	Enrollment Period
Commercial	Oct. 1, 2013 – Mar. 31, 2014 (Exceptions)
Medicaid	Any time

Enrolling in Coverage



Application for RIte Care October - December

Currently eligible (and not enrolled) children, parents, and pregnant women.

Will need to use paper application (MARC-1) to enroll.

Family Resource Counselors can help

If apply online through HealthSource RI - eligibility will be determined as of January 2014.

Currently Eligible



Children: 250% FPL \$48,828 – Family of 3



Parents: 175% FPL \$34,178 – Family of 3



Pregnant Woman: 250% FPL \$38,775

What's Next for RIte Care?

	Rite Care	Rite Care	
	October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013	After January 1, 2014	
Eligibility (See reverse for FPL chart)	Children <250% FPL Pregnant Women <250% FPL	Children <250% FPL Pregnant Women <250% FPL	
(See reverse for FPL chart)	Parents <175% FPL	Parents <138% FPL	
Immigrants	Children: All lawfully present. No five year waiting period. Pregnant women: All (including undocumented)	Same	
	<u>Parents:</u> Certain lawfully present including refugees, granted asylum, legal permanent residents (LPR). Five year waiting period for LPR (not for refugee/asylee).		
Premiums	\$61 / \$77 / \$92 for families between 150-250% FPL, depending on income	\$0 for children with RIte Care or RIte Share coverage \$61 / \$77 / \$92 for parents with RIte Share coverage (150-250% FPL)	
Sanctions	Previously: 2 consecutive months of nonpayment resulted in mandatory loss of coverage for entire family for 4 months	No sanctions.	
	No sanctions starting November (if system can be programmed in time).		
Income Determination	Gross earnings minus \$90, plus unearned income	MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income – Adjusted gross income from income tax return with a few modifications)	
Household Definition	Children, parents, spouses, step-parents	Tax filer and persons claimed as dependents	
Application Process	Paper application (MARC-1) filed with DHS via field office or FRC, with supporting documentation.	Online application Available at HealthSource RI,(HealthSourceRI.com), DHS (dhs.ri.gov), and EOHHS (eohhs.ri.gov) websites	
		Paper application still available for those who want it	
Documentation / Backup	Proof of income (pay stubs, benefit award letters); proof of pregnancy.	Automatic online data matches Self attestation of pregnancy	
Баскир		(Paper only needed in exceptional circumstances)	
Recertification	Annually - paper	Annually, Recertification will be on-line, MAGI income rules will apply. Note: All recertifications due in calendar year 2014 will be pushed back until the corresponding month in 2015.	
Sources of Information and	Information RIte Care/DHS Info Line (401-462-5300) DHS website (www.dhs.ri.gov) EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) HealthSource RI Contact Center (855-840-4774)	Information RIte Care/DHS Info Line (401-462-5300) DHS website (www.dhs.ri.gov) EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) HealthSource RI Contact Center (855-840-4774)	
Application Assistance	Application Assistance Family Resource Counselors at health centers and hospitals DHS Field Offices Navigators (at some sites)	Application Assistance Navigators at community sites and health centers HealthSource RI Contact Center DHS Field Offices	



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