



# The Affordable Care Act: How would it impact public health and health insurance in Kansas?

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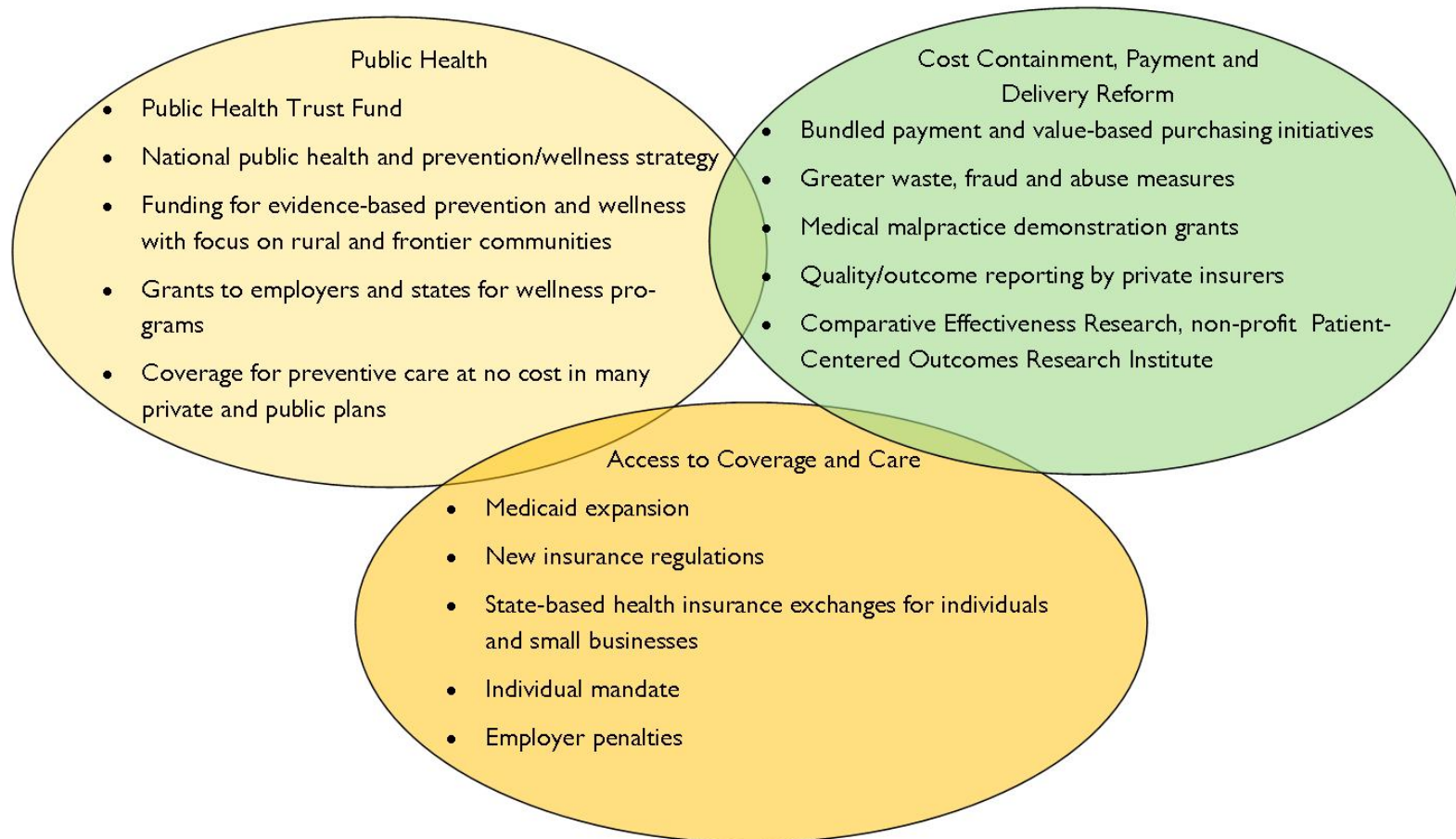
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# Three Primary Components of the ACA





# Public Health

## Public Health

- Public Health Trust Fund
- National public health and prevention/wellness strategy
- Funding for evidence-based prevention and wellness with focus on rural and frontier communities
- Grants to employers and states for wellness programs
- Coverage for preventive care at no cost in many private and public plans



# Public Health

- Areas of focus for public health programs include;
  - Obesity and nutrition
  - Tobacco cessation
  - Teen and adolescent risk behavior
  - Chronic disease
  - Early childhood development
  - Health inequities



# Public Health

- Since ACA enactment, \$10.9 million from HHS
- Grants include;
  - \$2.8M Demonstration Projects to Address Health Professions Workforce Needs
  - \$900,000 Home Visitation Programs
  - \$200,000 Public Health Infrastructure
  - \$300,000 Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity
  - \$200,000 State Health Care Workforce Development Grants



# Access to Coverage and Care

## Access to Coverage and Care

- Medicaid expansion
- New insurance regulations
- State-based health insurance exchanges for individuals and small businesses
- Individual mandate
- Employer penalties



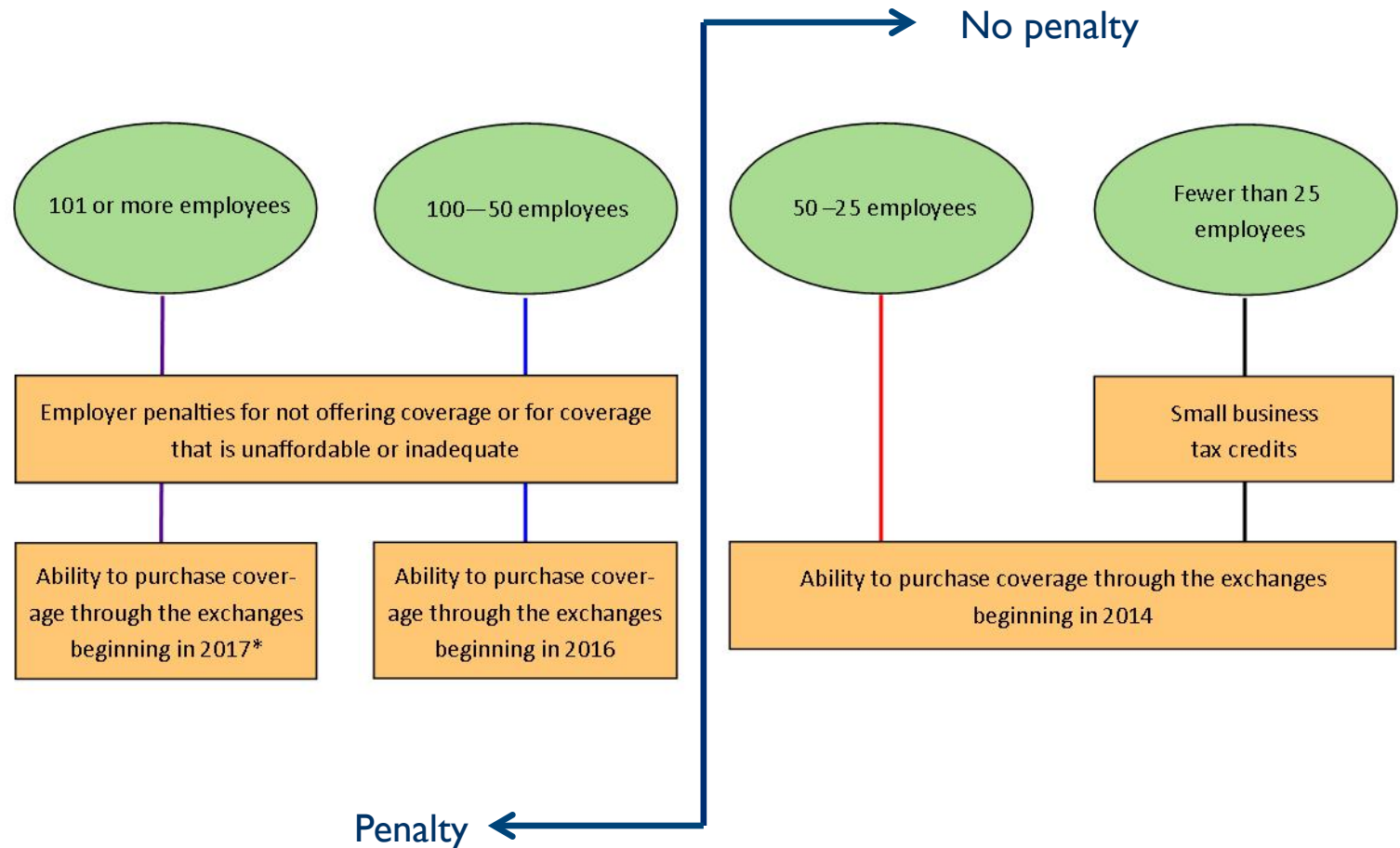
# Changes in the Insurance Market

- Medicaid expansion to 133% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- With exceptions, guaranteed access to health insurance coverage regardless of health status
- New limits on rating practices and cost-sharing
- State-based health insurance exchanges for individuals and small businesses



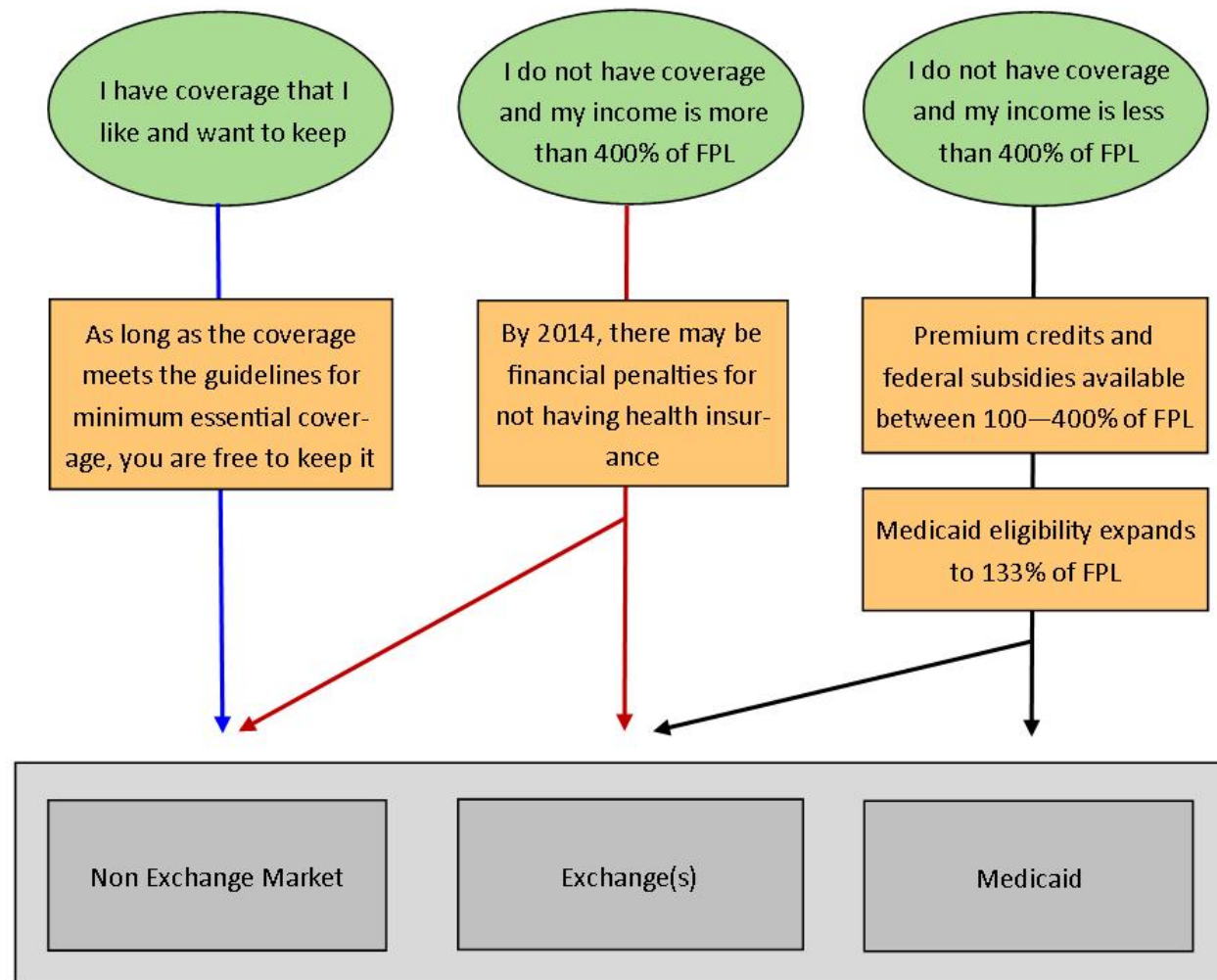


# The Employer Experience



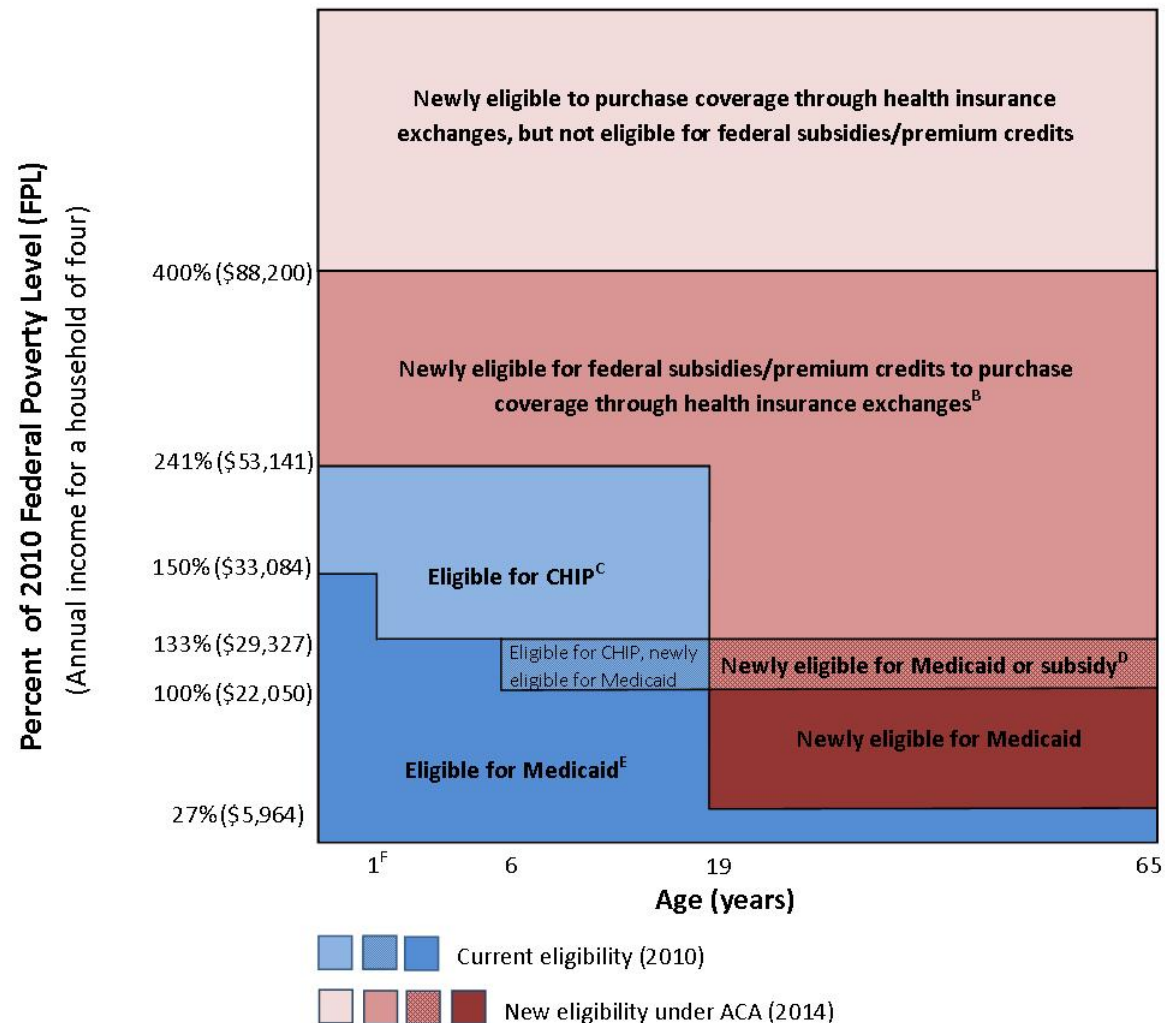


# The Consumer Experience



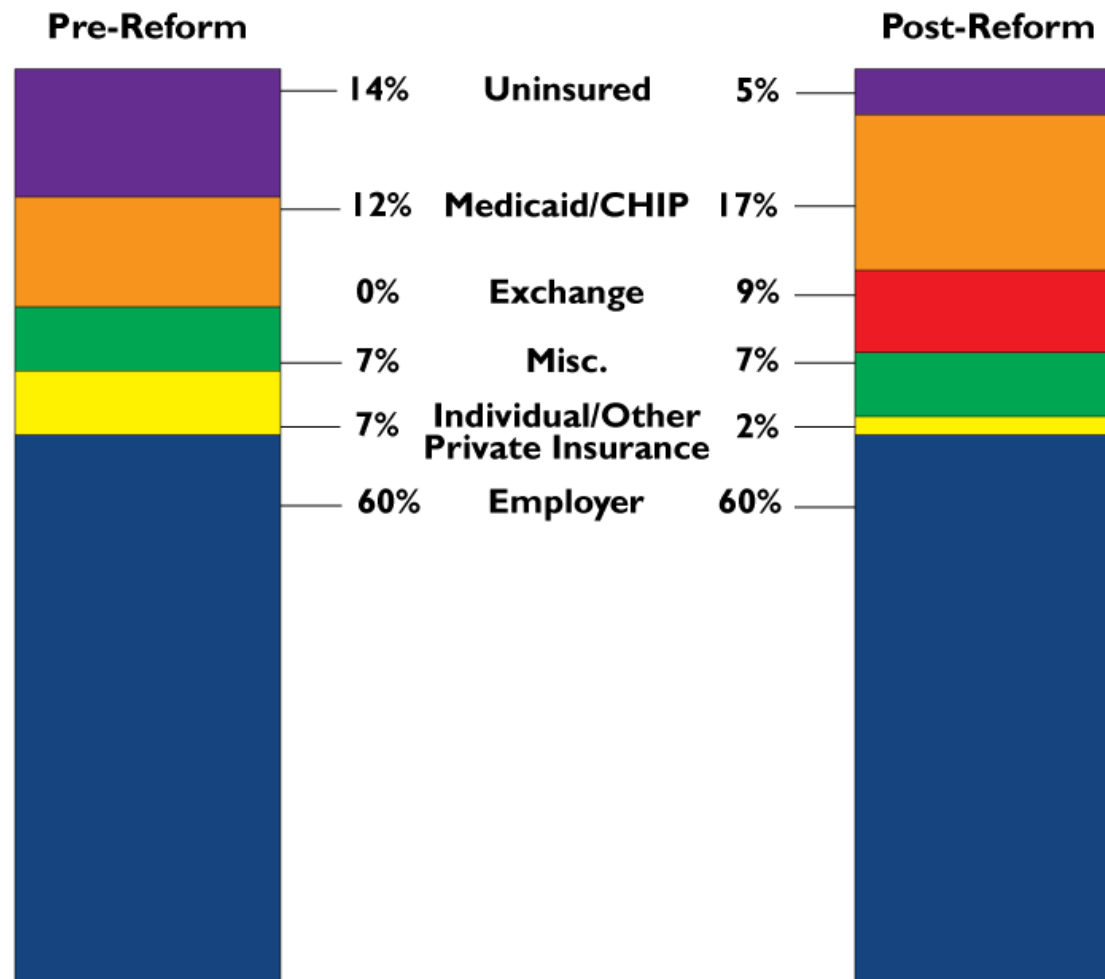


# Current Eligibility (2010) and New Eligibility Under ACA (2014)





# Changes in Projected Sources of Insurance Coverage in Kansas





# Looking Ahead: Public Health

- Infrastructure and capacity needs for state public health system
- Interagency coordination of grant applications and implementation
- Support for community-based funding ventures
- Potential cost-savings through enhanced prevention and wellness efforts



# Looking Ahead: Access to Coverage and Care

- Infrastructure needs for health insurance exchanges and Medicaid expansion
- Health profession workforce capacity
- Information and outreach to consumers, specifically in rural and underserved areas
- The role of the safety net



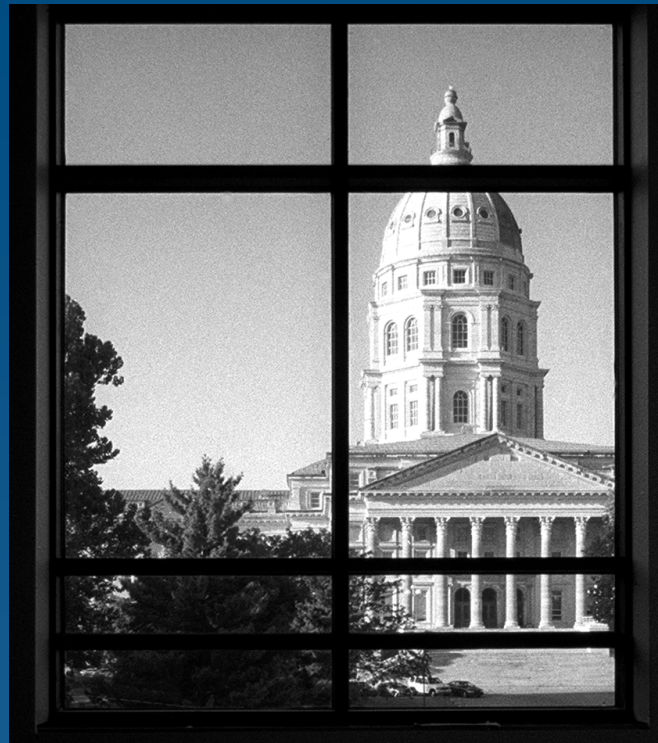
# Questions?

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