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#### Affordable Care Act

- Created in 2010
- Intended to make healthcare more affordable and accessible
- Insurance companies no longer can deny coverage due to preexisting conditions



Sources:

-Obamacare.net/obamacare-summary



## Affordable Care Act

- Current situation
  - Americans are confused due to many attempts to repeal and replace
- Presidential Executive Order
  - October 12, 2017
  - Eliminates Cost-Sharing Reduction Payments
    - to insurance companies
  - Would create lower
     cost insurance options
     with less coverage





# Affordable Care Act

- Congress
  - Oct. 17, 2017: Bipartisan group of U.S. Senators agreed to a two year solution to preserve cost-sharing reduction payments
  - U.S. House wants repeal and replace



The confusion continues



#### **ACA in San Antonio**



- EnrollSA Coalition: a major force in ACA enrollment
- 330,000 uninsured in Bexar Co. in 2010
- ACA enrollment in San Antonio
  - Peaked in 2016: 121,000
  - Down to 113,612 in 2017







# Current Challenges



- Shorter Enrollment Period
  - 6 weeks compared to
    - 3 months
- Less Federal support for marketing and resources



# **Highest Concern:**

Confusion among public about the status of ACA



# **ACA Stakeholders**

























United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County















# Coalition's Five Key Messages

- ACA is still the law of the land and open enrollment will still take place
- 2. Open Enrollment: November 1- December 15
- Financial help is still available for those who qualify
- 4. Free in-person application assistance available
- 5. Schedule an appointment by calling 211, 311, by visiting <a href="https://www.enrollsa.com">www.Enrollsa.com</a>

# Supporting EnrollSA

- Outreach and promotion
  - Share five key messages
  - Promote enrollment period
  - Use social media and media interviews
- Engage the faith-based community to volunteer (phones banks, determine eligibility, etc.)
- Disseminate open enrollment information to delegate agencies (CoSA, United Way)



# **Cross-Training Staff**



- ACA 101 Training
- 11 Programs
- 60 Metro Health staff attended
- Centro Med offers training to others by request







## You're Invited



# Kick-Off Press Conference Monday, October 30, 2017 10:00 AM San Antonio Central Library Auditorium

Open Enrollment
November 1st – December 15th

#### For More Information



www.enrollsa.com

