Community Catalyst

National, non-profit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1998 with the belief that affordable quality health care should be accessible to everyone.

Working in more than 40 states, Community Catalyst has built a consumer health advocacy movement from the ground up.

Our goal is to ensure consumers have an organized voice and a seat at the table wherever decisions about health and health care are made: in communities, courtrooms, statehouses and on Capitol Hill.
Key Federal Issues Related to Health

1. Gov’t Shut Down Deal
2. Marketplaces
3. Public Charge/Lawsuits
4. Medicaid and Waivers
5. On the Horizon

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Gov’t Shutdown Deal

- Funded gov’t through 2/15
- No funding for wall but vehicle for future border security/immigration package
- Back pay for workforce
NBPP: Regulation for Marketplace Plans

- Premium factor increased
- Encourages MAT
- Proposes elimination of Navigator program
- Lowers user fee on insurers
- Encourages use of generic drugs
Public Charge & Lawsuits

- Public Charge
  - No updates – but emerging action in a number of states to protect immigrant residents
- Texas v. Azar
  - No updates – but emerging action by states to codify key consumer protections
Medicaid and Waivers

• New waivers approved upholding work requirements
  • Arizona
  • Maine reversed by new Governor

• Medicaid rumors
  • Waiver opportunities for block grant approaches

• Medicaid innovation
  • New opportunity around kids through CMMI, waiting on application guidance
On the Horizon Federally

- **Balanced Billing**
  - Finalized rule allowing these plans

- **Opioid Package 2.0**
  - Anticipate another round of funding and opportunity

- **Rx Proposals**
  - Bills emerging to address high Rx costs – but most action will occur at state lvl
Questions?