



BOARD POLICY COMMITTEE

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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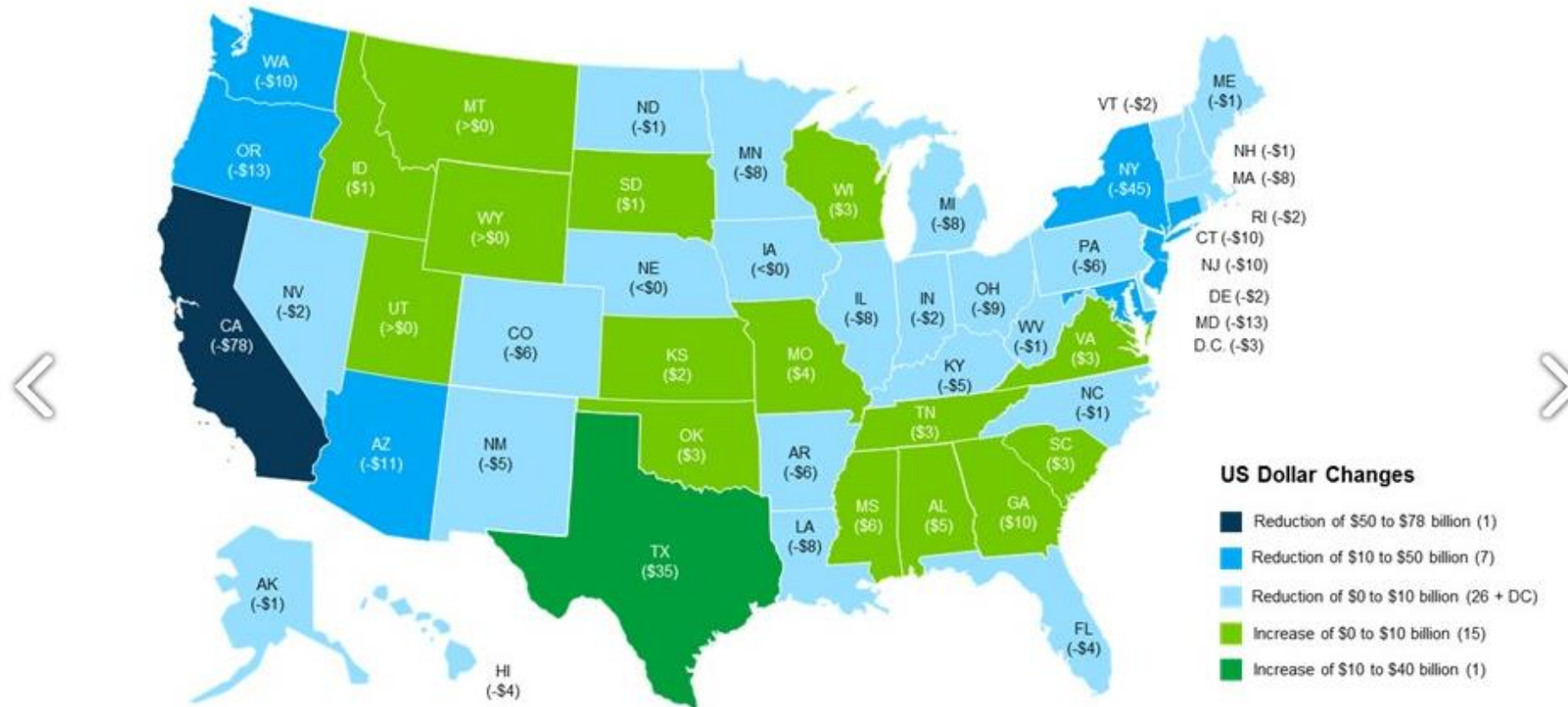
Current Status

- **CHP+**
 - Bipartisan agreement in the Senate for 5 year extension
 - Unclear if House is supportive
- **Bipartisan Individual Market Stabilization bill**
 - No bill text released
 - Chairman Alexander released statement on 9/19 saying that the bill is unlikely to move forward
- **Graham-Cassidy**
 - Bill must pass by midnight 9/30 under reconciliation rules
 - Unclear if there are enough votes for passage in House or Senate
 - Hearings scheduled to begin 9/25

Graham-Cassidy (ACA Repeal)

- Ends the ACA's Medicaid expansion, advanced premium tax credits (APTC), cost-sharing reduction (CSR) payments, small business tax credits, and Basic Health Program
- Redistributes the money funding those programs to the states, using a complex formula that would change between 2020-2026 (referred to as a block grant)
- The legislation would over time move money away from states like CO that have expanded Medicaid and aggressively pursued enrolling their lower income populations in Medicaid and Marketplace coverage.
- States that receive funding under the bill can obtain waivers to permit insurers to charge different premiums based on **health status**, **age**, or several other factors.
- States could also obtain waivers of the ACA's essential health benefit requirements and the ACA's medical loss ratio rebate requirements.

Figure 1: Changes in Federal Funding, 2026, in Billions



OPEN ENROLLMENT 5 UPDATE

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Open Enrollment: Technology Update

- 3 Releases scheduled with Open Enrollment content
 - 2.9.5 – Released to Production 8/20/17
 - 2.9.6 – Released to Production 9/17/17
 - 2.10 – Open Enrollment Release Currently scheduled for Release to Production 10/28/17
- No major/critical defects reported for 2.9.5 or 2.9.6 releases
- Testing underway and on track for 2.10 release. No major/critical defects reported.

Open Enrollment: Contingency Planning

- Current state is moving forward on schedule
- Several unknowns being planned for:
 - CSR funding/removal
 - Changes in broker participation
 - CHP+ possibilities
 - Individual market bipartisan stabilization bill
 - Potential for late rate changes
 - Graham-Cassidy (ACA Repeal)

BROKER CONTINGENCIES

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Current Status

- Recertification is ongoing and closes 10/29
 - Currently 375 brokers have completed training
 - Estimated 700+ total will recertify
- Additional support: confirmed
 - Phone access to MA Site for a subset of assisters and counties for quicker case fixes
 - Targeted enrollment center planning for brokers and assisters to cover high eligible-but-not-enrolled (EBNE) areas
- Additional support: under consideration
 - Customers of brokers not recertifying may be directed to nearby brokers
 - Additional support to the Assistance Network through re-allocation of leftover grant funds
 - Potentially extending service center hours during high-volume times