General Affordable Care Act Information: How It Affects Our Plan First Program

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Acronyms and Terms

- ACA: Affordable Care Act
- MAGI: Modified Adjusted Gross Income
- FPL: Federal Poverty Level
- E & E: Eligibility & Enrollment System
- SOBRA groups
 - -This includes all MLIF (Medicaid for Low Income Families), SOBRA women, and children

Medicaid Expansion

- Alabama is not currently electing the option to expand Medicaid coverage for eligible adults under the age of 65 that do not have dependent children
- However the eligibility limits for Medicaid have changed

New Medicaid Eligibility Limits

- Eligibility is determined with a gross income test, this means there are no disregards
- The eligibility limits for Full Medicaid for the MLIF group has been raised to 18% of the FPL

New Medicaid Eligibility Limits

- SOBRA for pregnant women and Plan First Medicaid have increased to 146% of the FPL
- Children which are between the ages of 6-19 and 100-146% of the FPL will be transitioned to full Medicaid coverage

New Medicaid Eligibility Limits

- This will be approximately 25,000 children
- The ALL Kids children will be those between 146-317% of the FPL

Former Foster Children

 Former foster children that still live in the state of Alabama will remain on full Medicaid coverage until the age of 26

Eligibility and Enrollment System

- When the application is completed it will go through a federal data hub that "bounces" off of other systems including the IRS, SSA, Department of Homeland Security, and TALX in order to determine eligibility
- Eligibility should be instant when the application is completed on-line

E and E System

- This new system will allow for automated renewals
- The applicant can mark to have eligibility renewed for up to 5 years

Federally Facilitated Marketplace

- All women that are applying for Plan First are required to be referred to: www.healthcare.gov
- Those individuals that are between 100-400% of the FPL will qualify for a subsidy/tax credit to help with the insurance premium

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 Those individuals that are under 100% of the FPL will not receive a penalty for not buying health insurance

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