

Under the new healthcare reform act Medicaid policy changed to include more patients. According to the text “the new law expands Medicaid to a national floor of 133% of poverty (Estes, Chapman, Dodd, Hollister, & Harrington, 2013, p. 161). This provision also gave coverage, under Medicaid, for patients less than 65 years of age who are single with no children, who are not eligible for Medicare (Estes, et al., 2013). According to the Medicaid website this new law expands coverage for more Americans, holds insurance companies accountable for lower rates, and enhances the quality of care that patients receive (Medicaid.gov).

The new healthcare reform act also matches the states payment plans for providers. According to the Medicaid website, states will be matched 100% of payments for the increase in patient coverage in the areas of family medicine, pediatrics, and internal medicine (Medicaid.gov). This means physicians in these areas will receive the higher payments for services rendered which would equal the same amount as Medicare part B payments are.

Another provision under the healthcare reform act that will benefit patients, providers, and working class citizens is prevention. This act promotes health, prevention, and wellness at local, state, and federal levels for patients on Medicaid (Medicaid.gov). Another key feature that applied to the CHIP program was children’s benefits were extended through 2019 under the new healthcare reform act.

According to the Medicaid website, the changes made to Medicaid were put in to place to make each state across American more uniform in their state funded insurance for low income/poverty citizens. The government aiding states in getting citizens their healthcare coverage played a huge role in making these changes happen. It also gave incentive to healthcare

providers to accept the newly enrolled by increasing the payments to equal those of Medicare part B.

Estes, C. L., Chapman, S. A., Dodd, C., Hollister, B., & Harrington, C. (2013). *Health policy crisis and reform* (6th ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.

(<http://medicaid.gov/affordablecareact/affordable-care-act.html>)