# Section 1332 Innovation Waivers in the New Federal Paradigm

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#### **Today's Conversation**

- Section 1332 waivers
  - What is the current status of 1332 waivers?
  - How do 1332 waivers fit into the federal coverage system?
  - How are states considering the future of 1332 waivers?

#### **Section 1332 Waiver Basics**

- Statutory program to allow states to change some ACA requirements in the individual market / marketplaces.
- Four guardrails that states must meet:

**Coverage** At least as many people are covered as without the waiver

**Scope** Coverage is at least as comprehensive as without the waiver Affordability Coverage is at least as affordable as without the waiver

**Deficit Neutral** Waiver cannot add to the deficit of the United States

### **Current Section 1332 Waivers**

Washington – Allow purchase of QHPs regardless of immigration status

Nevada – Reinsurance plus mandated premium reduction plans available on marketplace

**Colorado** – Reinsurance plus mandated premium reduction plans available on marketplace

Hawaii – Replaces SHOP with state employer coverage program



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New York – Single state program – based on Basic Health Program – up to 250% FPL

Maryland – Reinsurance plus allowed purchase of QHP regardless of immigration status

**Georgia** – Reinsurance plus transition to state-based marketplace (*suspended*)

#### **Considerations for States**

- End of enhanced premium tax credits will mean lower pass-through amounts and cost increases for individuals above 400%
- Proposed rule would lower expected enrollment and pass-through levels
- Changes to guidance could create preferences for certain program designs



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