

Re-Forming Reform

What the PPACA Means for Massachusetts

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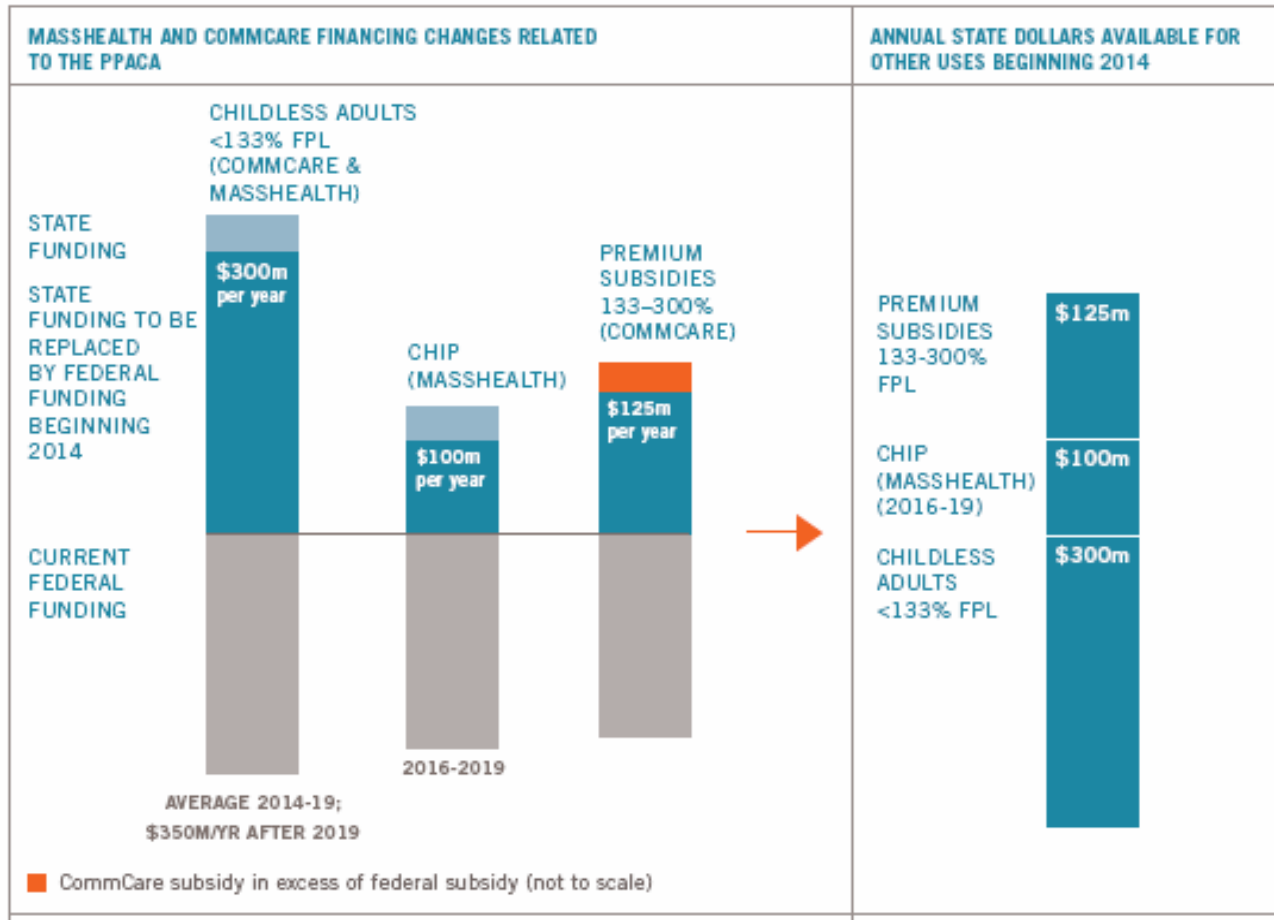
The effects of national reform on Massachusetts' reform policies, financing and delivery system

- Financial benefits and coverage gains
- Taxes, assessments and payment adjustments
- Statutory differences between federal and state laws that require policy attention

Financial benefits and coverage gains

- Increased federal Medicaid/CHIP match
- Federal premium tax credits go to higher incomes and replace state dollars
- Small business tax credits
- Increased Medicaid primary care payments
- Insurance protections
- Pilots, demonstrations & grants

Federal subsidies supplant state dollars



Taxes, assessments, payment adjustments: financing reform

- Taxes on high-income earners, high-cost health plans
- Medicare DSH
- Slower growth in Medicare rates
- Changes in Medicare area wage adjustment could help hospitals

Looking ahead: Statutory differences requiring policy attention

- Coverage requirements and penalties
- Premium subsidies
- Role of the Health Connector
- Insurance market changes



Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.