

# Implementing Federal Health Care Reform

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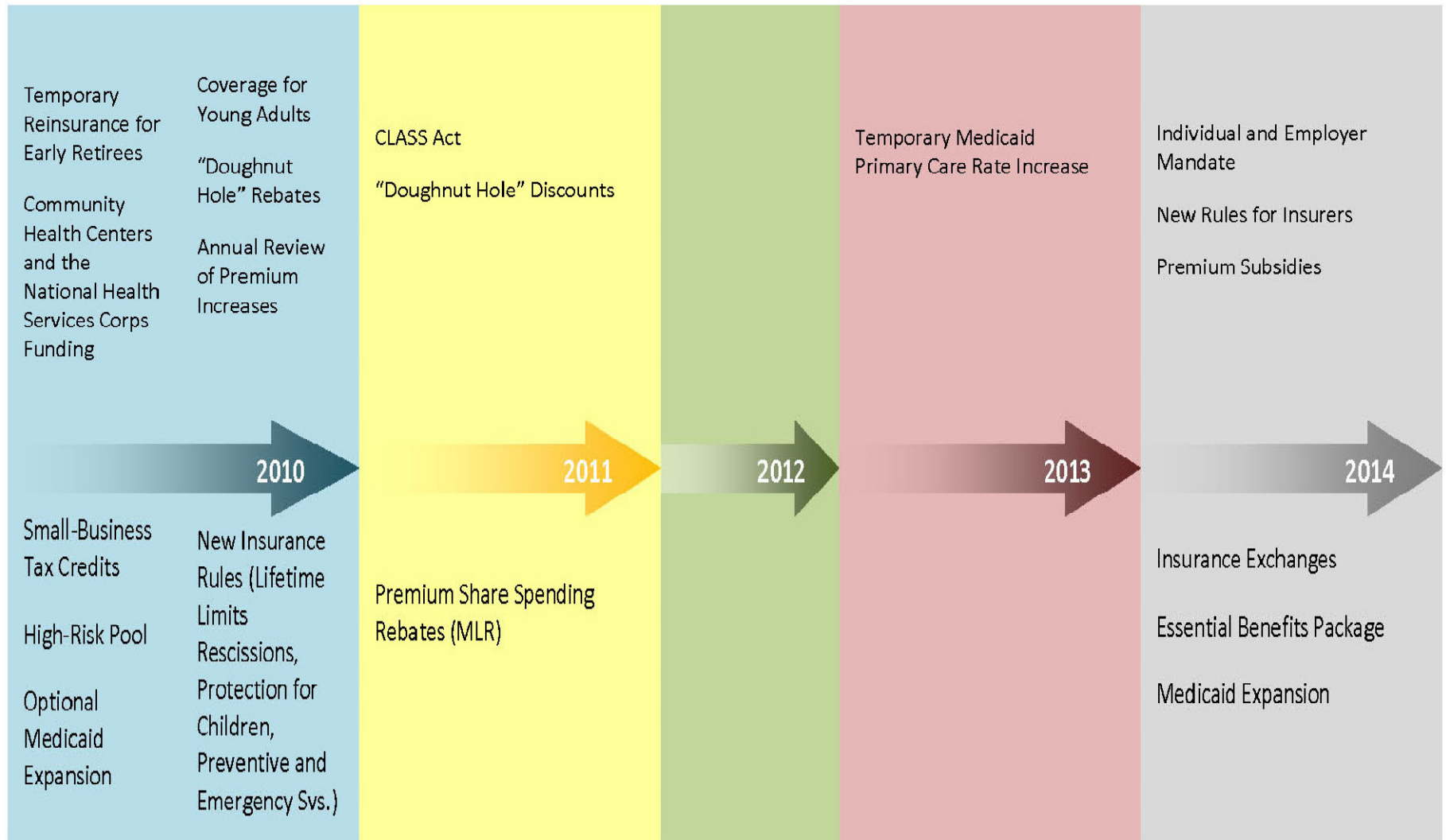
# Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

- Signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010
- Reform will do what many states could not do on their own
  - Expand Medicaid across the board to childless adults
  - Require health insurance coverage
  - Eliminate medical underwriting

# Affordable Care Act (cont.)

- Offers numerous opportunities for states to address other parts of reform
  - Cost containment
  - Quality and delivery system reform
  - Realignment of programs funding uninsured
- Maryland's many strengths, including our unique all-payer system and recent health expansions leave us well-positioned to implement reform

# Effective Dates for Major Health Care Reform Initiatives



# Maryland Implementation

- Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council created through Executive Order on March 24, 2010
- The Coordinating Council will make policy recommendations and offer implementation strategies to the Governor on ways to implement federal health reform as efficiently and effectively as possible.

# Coordinating Council Members

- The Honorable Anthony G. Brown  
Lt. Governor  
*Council Co-Chair*
- John M. Colmers  
Secretary, DHMH  
*Council Co-Chair*
- Carolyn Quattrocki  
Deputy Legislative Officer  
*Governor's Designee*
- T. Eloise Foster  
Secretary, DBM
- Beth Sammis  
Acting Commissioner, MIA
- Douglas F. Gansler  
Maryland Attorney General
- Brian Wilbon  
Interim Secretary, DHR
- Marilyn Moon  
Chair, MHCC
- Frederick W. Puddester  
Chair, HSCRC
- The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Member, Maryland Senate
- The Honorable Thomas "Mac" Middleton  
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- The Honorable Peter Hammen  
Member, Maryland House of Delegates
- The Honorable James W. Hubbard  
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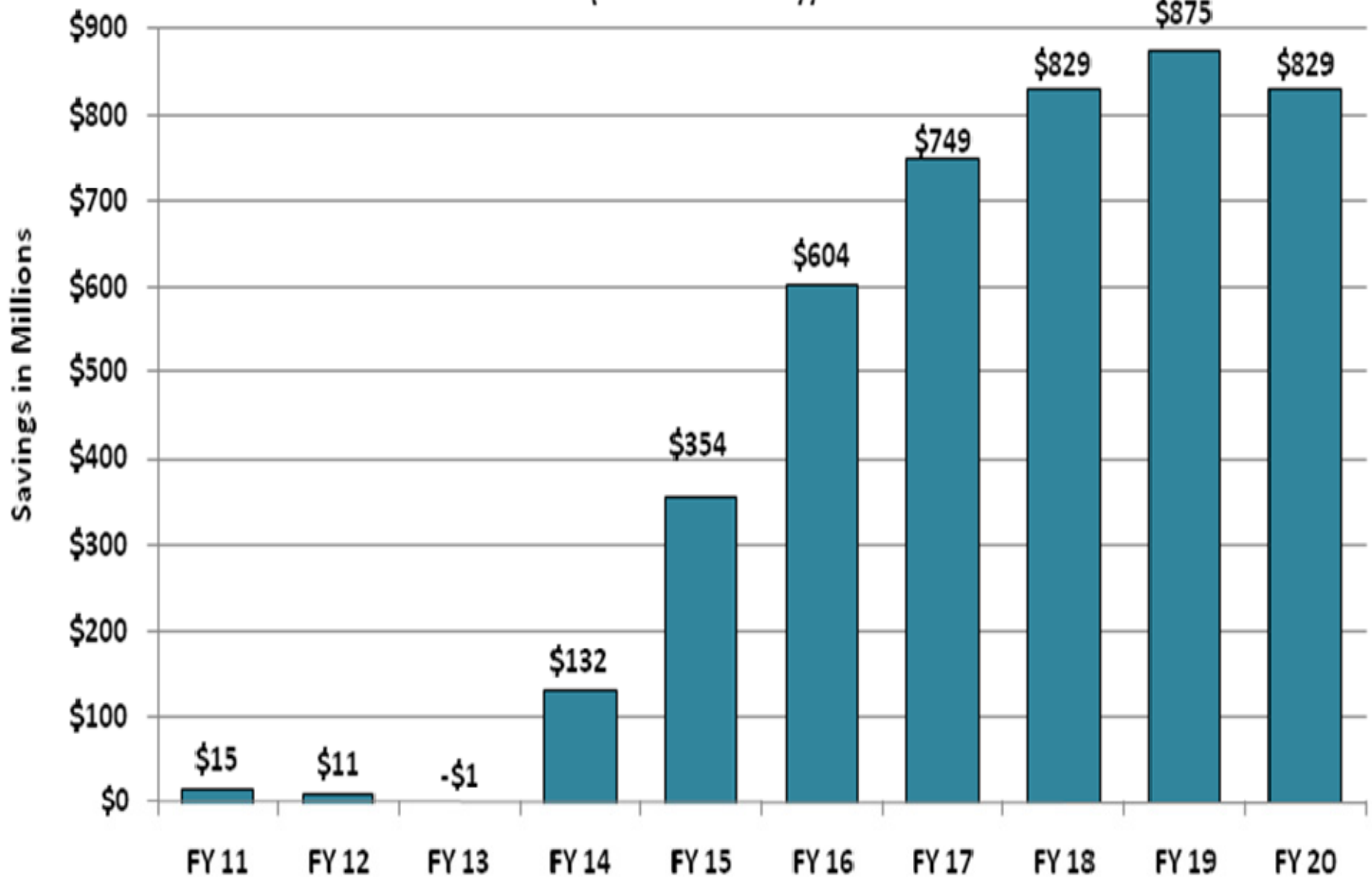
# Responsibilities

- The Coordinating Council submitted its Interim Report to the Governor on July 26, 2010.
- Interim Report includes:
  - Review of each section of the federal legislation and identification of affected State law and regulation
  - Comprehensive timeline, including key decision points
  - Financial model to estimate annual impact on State general fund; and
  - Approach for evaluation of options, including method for soliciting input from interested stakeholders
- Final Report containing policy recommendations and implementation strategies will be presented to the Governor in January.

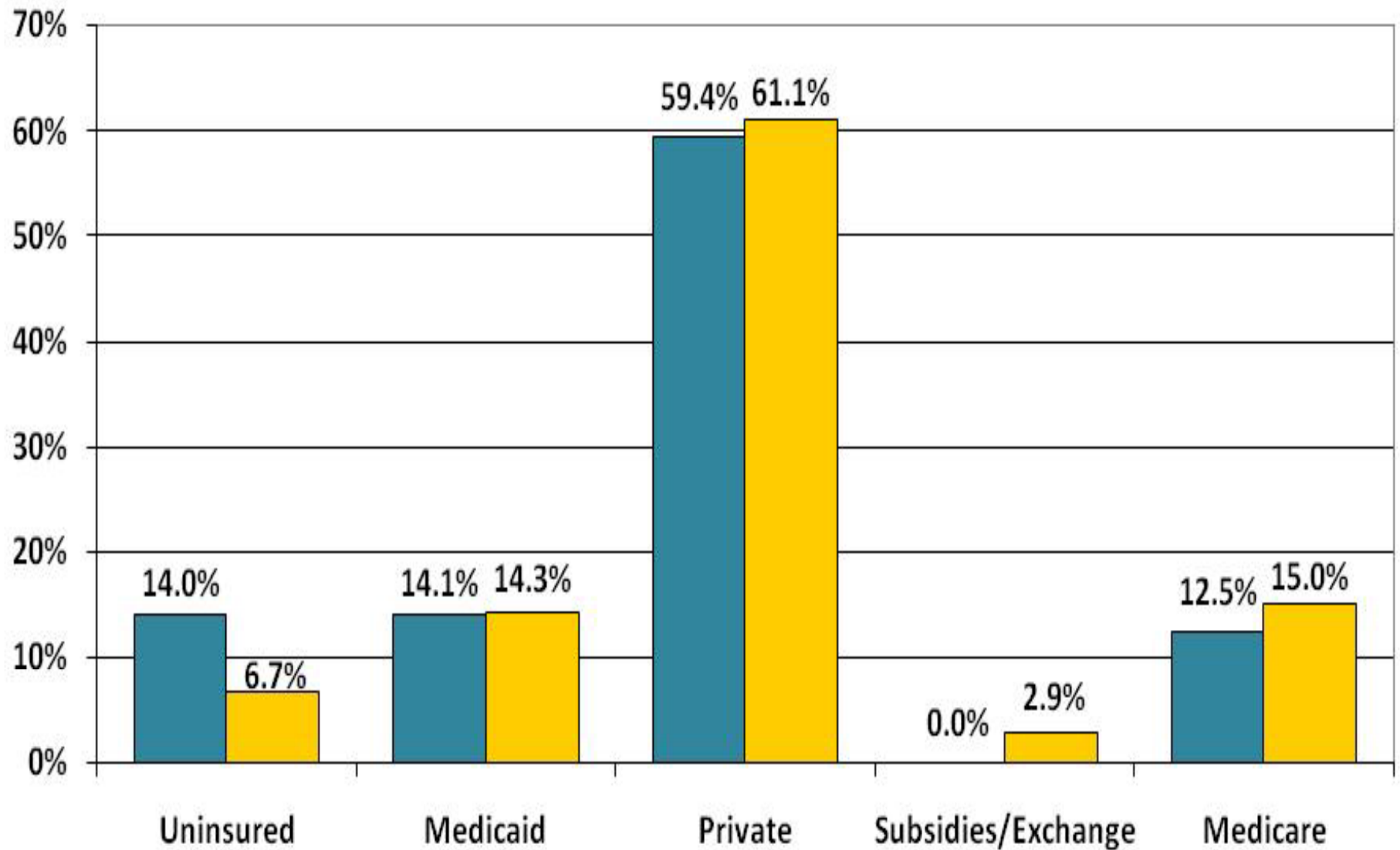
# Key Finding of Interim Report

- Financial model developed - tool for analyzing costs as implementation decisions made
- Health Reform will save \$829 million over 10 years and cut uninsured in half by 2017
  - Savings estimates reflect Maryland's prior investments in improving access to care
  - State must maintain commitment to bending cost curve
- Recommends Process for Public Engagement

## Cumulative Savings from Health Reform in Maryland (State Funds Only)



## Insurance Status by Source of Coverage, Today and 2017



■ 2010 (Total 5.8 million Marylanders)

■ 2017 (6.2 million Marylanders)

# Workgroups

1. Health Insurance Exchange and Insurance Markets
2. Entry to Coverage
3. Outreach and Education
4. Public Health, Safety Net and Special Populations
5. Health Care Workforce
6. Health Care Delivery System

# Process for Public Input

- **Phase 1** – Assessment of Health Reform (May-mid July, for July Report)
  - *Public comments guided Interim Report*
- **Phase 2** – Discussion and Development of Recommendations (mid-July to end of October)
  - *Active workgroups focused on key implementation issues*
- **Phase 3** – Review Draft Recommendations (mid-November-early December)
  - *Public hearings about reform recommendations*
- **Phase 4** – Finalize Recommendations and issue report (early-December – January 1)

# For More Information: [www.healthreform.maryland.gov](http://www.healthreform.maryland.gov)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Maryland Health Care Reform Coordinating Council. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Problem Solver', 'Maryland.gov', 'Online Services', 'State Agencies', and 'Phone Directory'. A search bar is located on the right. The main header features the Maryland state logo and the text 'Health Care Reform Coordinating Council'. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'WEB RESOURCES', 'GET INVOLVED', and 'COUNCIL WORKGROUPS'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'THE COUNCIL' section containing links for 'About Us', 'Meetings', 'Interim Report', and 'Executive Order'. Below this are three buttons: 'Healthcare.gov', 'Health Reform and You', and 'Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene'. The main content area features a large photo of Governor Martin O'Malley shaking hands with a group of healthcare professionals. Below the photo is the title 'Maryland's Health Care Reform Coordinating Council' and three paragraphs of text. To the right, there is a section for the 'Office of the GOVERNOR' and a 'Latest News' section with three news items. At the bottom right, there is an 'In the News' section with three news items.

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**Latest News**

Lt. Gov. Brown, Sec. Colmers, Health Care Reform Coordinating Council Present Interim Report to Governor O'Malley 7.26.10

Lt. Governor Brown, Secretary Colmers Convene Fourth Meeting of Health Care Reform Coordinating Council 7.19.10

Lt. Governor Brown Announces Major Step Forward to Provide Health Insurance for Maryland Residents with Preexisting Conditions 7.1.10

Lt. Governor Convenes Second Meeting of the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council 6.10.10

Health Care Reform Coordinating Council Convenes First Meeting 5.6.10

**In the News**

Md. could save \$829M under health care reform  
*Associated Press* 7.26.10

Maryland to save \$829 million under national health care reform  
*Baltimore Sun* 7.26.10

Health care reform task force passes interim plan  
*Baltimore Sun* 7.19.10

Maryland to roll out high-risk