Medicaid and the ACA in 2015

January 2015
Medicaid Expansion: By the Numbers

- Medicaid/CHIP grew by **9.7 million** enrollees October 2013 – October 2014
- **17%** growth in average monthly enrollment
- **68.5 million** total enrollees in October 2014
- Enrollment is up in expansion **and** non-expansion states:
  - Expansion states: up **24%**
  - Non-expansion states: up **7%**
Congress, Part 1: ACA Rollbacks

- Workweek definition
- Medical device tax
- Contraceptive coverage?
- ???
Congress, Part 2: Medicaid “Reform”

- Deficit reduction and entitlement reform
- “Path to Prosperity” version 5.0
- Spending caps and administrative changes = cuts
Ongoing Legal Challenges

- Rights of Medicaid providers
- Premium subsidies
- Contraceptive coverage
Rights of Medicaid Providers

- **Armstrong v. Exceptional Child Center**

- Do Medicaid providers have the right to sue to enforce federal Medicaid law when state policies conflict with federal law?

- SCOTUS oral arguments January 20, 2015
Premium Subsidies

- **King v. Burwell**
- Availability of premium subsidies in non-state-based exchanges
- SCOTUS oral arguments March 4, 2015
Contraceptive Coverage

- Numerous ongoing cases
- Religious nonprofits arguing accommodation violates their religious faith
- Good news is they’ve been losing
- No SCOTUS case . . . yet
Any questions?