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**MSNJ PRIORITIES ON NATIONAL
HEALTHCARE REFORM**



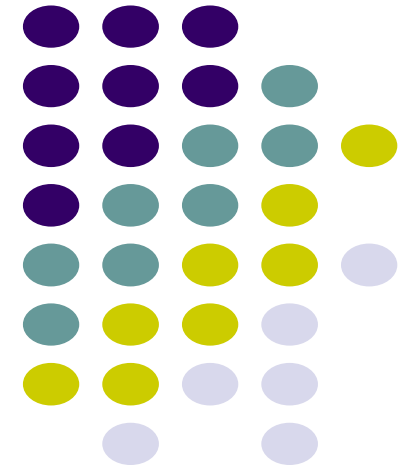
**“Repeal and Replace (Repair?)” of the
Affordable Care Act**

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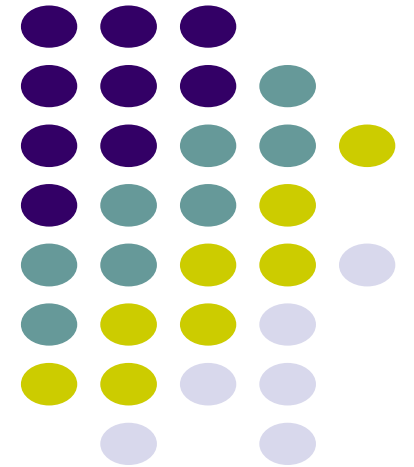
Continue to Cover the Newly Insured.

- Future changes do not cause individuals to become uninsured.
- Ensure that federal funding for Medicaid remains intact.
- Changes should be consistent with MSNJ's long standing policy on universal health insurance.



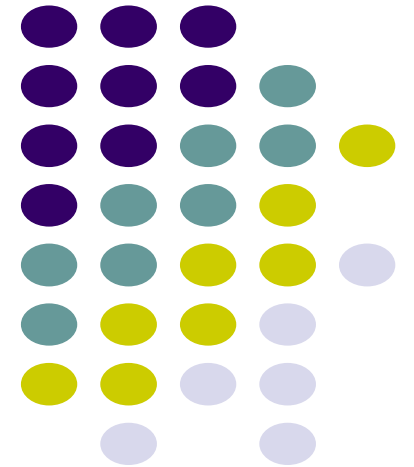
Continue Health Insurance Reforms:

- a. Coverage of Dependents up to age 28
- b. Coverage for pre-existing conditions
- c. No annual or lifetime caps on coverage
- d. Parity for mental health coverage



Ensure Access to Care.

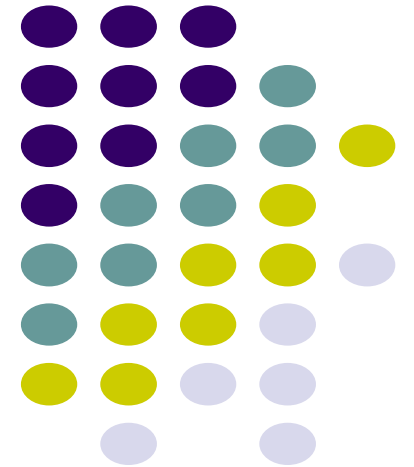
- Network Adequacy in tiered and narrow network products.
- Money spent by patients on medical care should count toward the deductible whether in or out of network



Ensure Choice

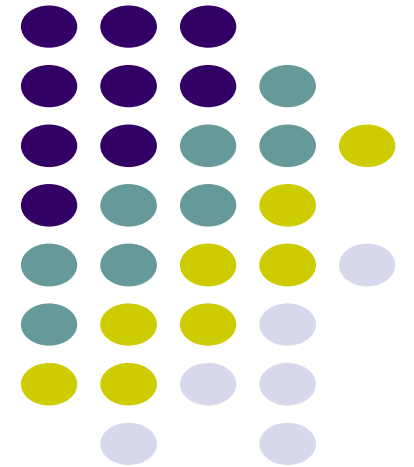
Allow private contracting by Medicare beneficiaries.

Create transition periods for seniors whose physicians are terminated from networks.



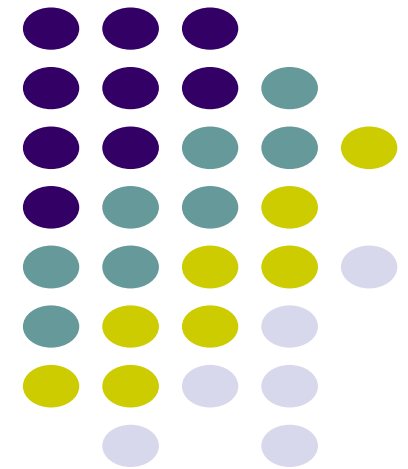
Enact Liability Reforms

- Physicians who follow evidence-based medicine should be protected from tort liability.



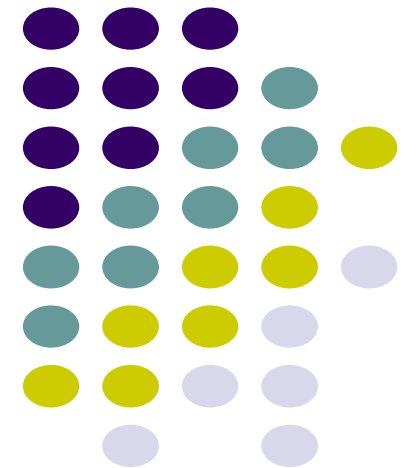
Reduce Administrative & Financial Burdens

- Work to focus EHR certification on improving usability and inter-operability
- Streamline the prior authorization process
- The federal government and payers should assume the costs of federally mandated language services



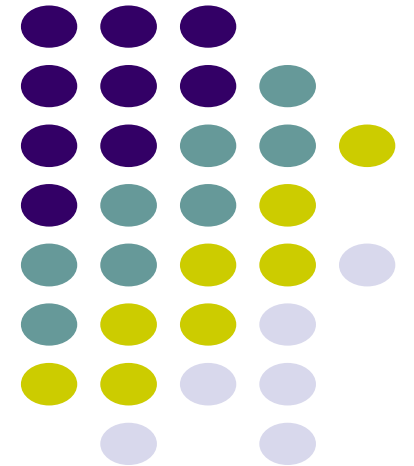
Require Transparency

- Consumers should be provided with all information necessary, in plain language, to understand coverage before making enrollment decisions.
- Payers should provide information on patient attribution methodology for any alternative or new payment model.



Pharmaceutical Pricing

- Require transparency in pricing, including additional costs from utilization management such as pharmaceutical benefit managers.
- Encourage the FDA to become more active in fostering competition to avoid drug shortages and price gouging.





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