

Why Are the Health Insurance Marketplaces Thriving in Some States but Struggling in Others?

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ABSTRACT

ISSUE: In 2017, health insurance marketplaces in some states were thriving, while those in other states were struggling. What explains these differences?

GOAL: Identify factors that explain differences in issuers' participation levels in state insurance marketplaces.

METHODS: Analysis of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's HIX Compare dataset, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' *2010 Supplemental Health Care Exhibit Report*.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS: State policies and insurance regulations were key factors affecting the number of issuers participating in the marketplaces in 2017. Marketplaces run by states had more issuers than states that rely on the federally facilitated marketplace. States with fewer than four issuers tended to have policies in place that could have been destabilizing — for example, permitting the sale of plans not compliant with the Affordable Care Act's requirements regarding essential health benefits or guaranteed issue. Consumers in states that did not take steps to enforce these insurance market reforms still benefited from their protections, however; they were just enforced at the federal level. States with more issuers were also more likely to have expanded Medicaid. States with fewer issuers tended to be rural and have smaller populations, more concentrated hospital markets, and lower physician-to-population ratios.

TOPLINES

- ▶ **Competition among health insurers — and consumer choice of health plans — varies widely in state insurance marketplaces: five states had only one issuer in 2017, while five had 11 or more.**
- ▶ **State policies and insurance regulations were key factors affecting the number of health insurers participating in the ACA marketplaces in 2017.**

BACKGROUND

After multiple earlier efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) ended in failure, Congress enacted the Tax Cut and Jobs Act in December 2017, which repealed the penalties associated with the individual requirement to have health insurance.¹ The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the repeal of this requirement will increase the number of uninsured Americans between 2017 and 2028 from 29 million to 35 million.² Nonetheless, an altered ACA remains the law of the land.

Although ACA supporters and opponents hold vastly different views about health policy, they do share a common goal: increasing the number of issuers participating in the individual insurance market. Higher participation translates into more consumer choice and greater price-based competition among issuers.³

In 2017, marketplace competition, measured by the number of participating issuers, varied widely. Five states — Alabama, Alaska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Wyoming — each had only one issuer (the state's Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan). Five states — California, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin — had 11 or more issuers.

We examine contemporary and historical factors associated with the broad disparities in issuer participation in state marketplaces and the reasons that some are thriving while others are not. Our principal data come from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's HIX Compare, a national database on marketplace plans that contains information on issuer participation, premiums, and benefit design, among other characteristics, covering the period 2014 to 2017. Our second data source is the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' *2010 Supplemental Health Care Exhibit Report*, released in April 2011, which provides names of issuers offering coverage and their 2010 individual market enrollment in each state prior to implementation of the ACA marketplaces.

FINDINGS

Issuer Participation Before and After the ACA

In the pre-ACA individual market of 2010, issuer participation varied widely. Exhibit 1 shows that in all states, one or more issuers had at least a 5 percent share of the individual market.⁴ In most states, Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans had dominant market shares — more than 50 percent in 41 states and the District of Columbia. Ten states and the District of Columbia had four or more issuers that participated, with the others having two or three.

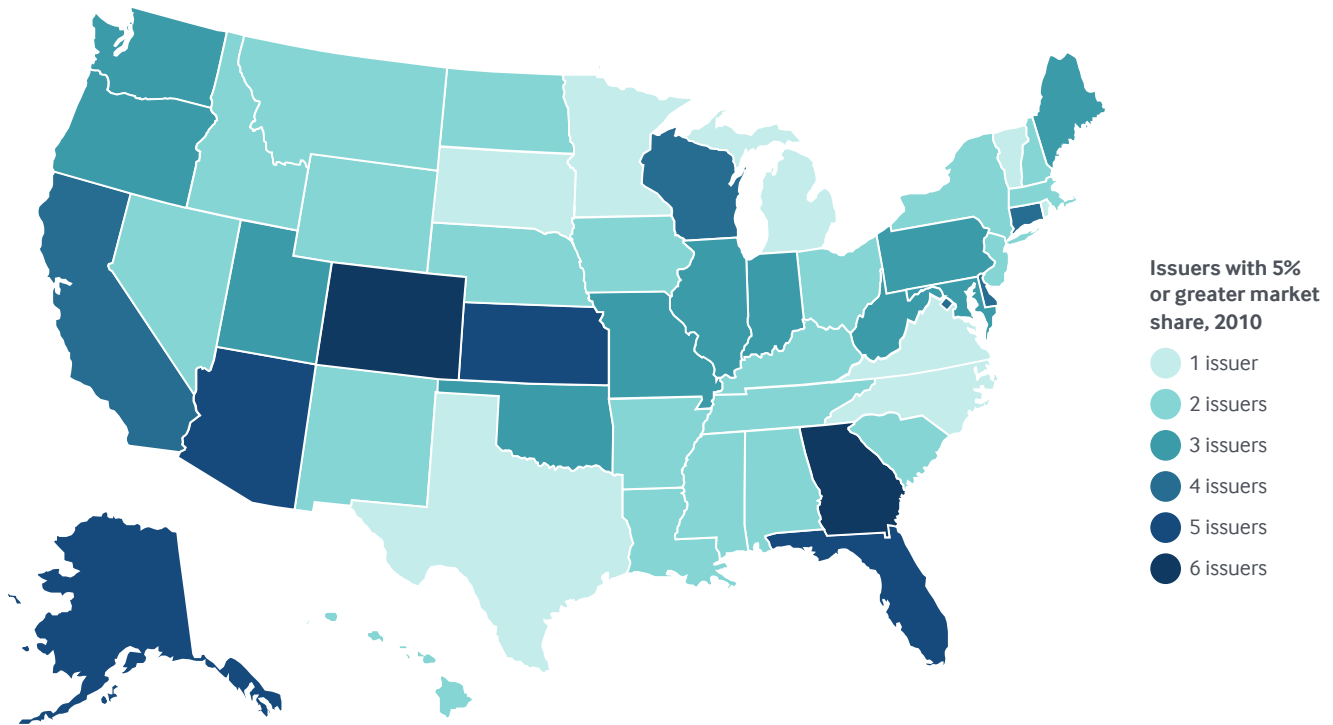
In 2015, the ACA marketplaces' second year of operation, issuer participation had increased substantially from 2014. Only two states and the District of Columbia had a single issuer, while most of the rest had four or more (Exhibit 2). By 2017, the number of states with a single issuer had increased to five, still fewer than in the pre-ACA market.⁵ The number of states with four or more issuers declined to 26, but in all, the number of those states remained substantially higher than in 2010.

State Sociodemographic Effects on Issuer Participation

Issuer participation in the marketplaces varied considerably by state sociodemographic characteristics. States with one issuer had populations that were substantially more rural: 38 percent in single-issuer states, compared to 31 percent in two- or three-issuer states and 23 percent in four-or-more-issuer states (Exhibit 3). States with four or more issuers were much more likely to have a large population — in fact, more than three times the average population of the five single-issuer states.

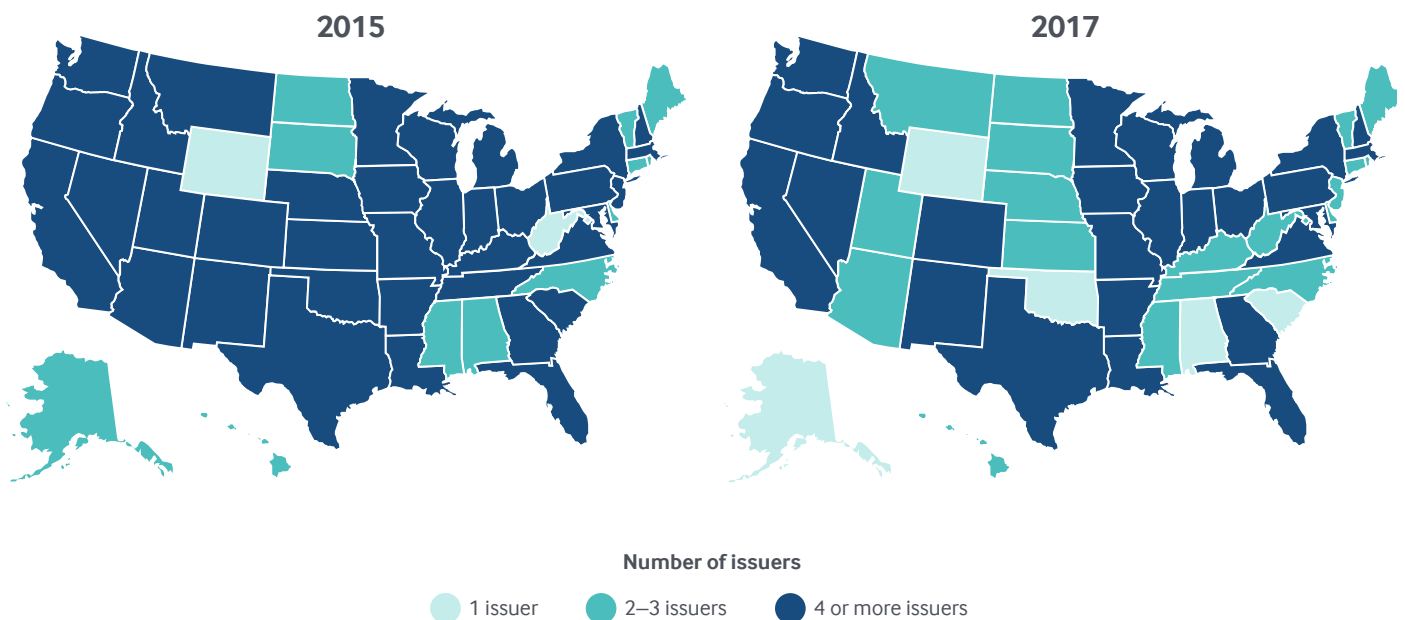
Median family income was correlated with the number of issuers participating. For example, three of the five single-issuer states had median incomes in the lower third of the country, whereas only five of the 26 states with four or more issuers had median incomes in that lower

Exhibit 1. Number of Issuers with 5 Percent or Greater Market Share in Individual Market and Combined Market Share of All Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plans in Individual Market, by State, 2010



Data: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *2010 Supplemental Health Care Exhibit Report* (NAIC, 2011).

Exhibit 2. Number of Issuers Participating on Individual Marketplaces, by State, 2015 and 2017



Data: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *HIX Compare*, 2015–2017.

bracket. At the rating-area level (see [Appendix 1](#)), greater population was significantly associated with higher issuer participation, while state-level rurality was not a significant factor.

Influence of Market Forces and Rates of Uninsured on Individual Insurance Marketplace

Differences in issuer participation rates also were associated with market power and rates of the uninsured in each state. States with four or more participating issuers had more physicians per 1,000 people than states with one issuer (Exhibit 3). The higher rates of physicians in these states suggest that insurers had more power to build physician networks and negotiate with providers for prices more favorable to the insurers. Conversely, states with a smaller number of issuers were more likely states with greater hospital concentration (measured by gross patient revenue), suggesting that hospitals had more influence in negotiating prices with insurers and this may have deterred insurers from remaining in or entering the state. The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index, a measure of market concentration,

was 1,152 in single-issuer states compared to 446 in states with four-plus issuers⁶ (the higher the score, the more concentrated the market). In addition, single-issuer states had a higher share of uninsured residents prior to ACA implementation compared to states with more issuers participating — a finding that may be related to the heavily rural, smaller populations and higher market concentration of single-issuer states.

The number of issuers participating in the individual market in 2010 was a weak predictor of issuer participation in 2017. Despite states' differences in issuer participation in 2017, all states had similar issuer numbers competing in 2010 (Exhibit 3). What appears instead to have been a more important factor was whether states' marketplaces were state-based or federally facilitated. (Exhibit 4). All five single-issuer states used the federally facilitated marketplace, whereas only 57 percent of states with four or more issuers used it. In general, state-based marketplaces used their wider authority to reduce consumer uncertainty and promote stability.^{7,8}

Exhibit 3. Number of Issuers Participating in States, by Sociodemographic and Health Care Market Characteristics, 2017

	One issuer (n=5)	2–3 issuers (n=20)	4+ issuers (n=26)	National average
Rural population (% of total population)	38%	31%	23%	28%
Mean state population	3 million	3 million	9 million	6 million
Median family income	\$61,536	\$63,936	\$65,378	\$64,436
Issuers in individual market with 5% or more of market share (2010)	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.7
Combined individual market share of all BC/BS plans (2010)	63%	64%	60%	62%
Physicians per 1,000 population	2.3	3.1	2.9	2.9
Hospital concentration, based on gross patient revenue (Herfindahl-Hirschman Index)	1,152	1,360	446	874
Percent uninsured (2013)	18%	12%	15%	14%

Data: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, HIX Compare, 2017; National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *Supplemental Health Insurance Exhibit Report*; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2011–2015; 2010 United States Census; 2015–2016 Area Health Resource File; 2012 Dartmouth Atlas; Kaiser Family Foundation; American Hospital Directory Hospital Statistics by State, 2017.

Note: The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index measures market concentration — the larger the index, the more concentrated the market.

Exhibit 4. Average Premiums and Medical Claims, 2012–2016

	One issuer (n=5)	2–3 issuers (n=20)	4+ issuers (n=26)
Total number of state regulations possibly affecting market stabilization	4.8	3.0	3.0
State’s regulatory environment	Share of states + D.C. (%)	Share of states + D.C. (%)	Share of states + D.C. (%)
Presence of antinavigator law	40%	30%	46%
Absence of market reforms	80%	30%	31%
No Medicaid expansion	80%	40%	27%
Marketplace was federally facilitated	100%	80%	69%
Grandmothered plans allowed after January 1, 2014	100%	75%	73%
State participation in NFIB lawsuit	80%	40%	58%
Acquisition of CCIIO consumer outreach grants	0%	30%	23%

Data: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, [HIX Compare](#), 2017; Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation; and Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight’s Health Insurance Oversight System. Data provided by the Center for Health Insurance Reform, Georgetown University.

Effect of State Health Policy

Regulations and other ACA-related state policies were also associated with 2017 marketplace issuer participation (Exhibit 4).

We summed several state policies that could potentially destabilize the marketplaces. (See “[How We Conducted This Study](#)” for further detail.) States with one issuer in 2017 averaged 4.8 such policies, whereas states with four or more issuers averaged 3.0 policies.

Specifically, compared with single-issuer states, states with four or more issuers were:

- more likely to have expanded Medicaid
- less likely to permit grandmothered plans (73% vs. 100% of single-issuer states)⁹
- more likely to have adopted into state law 2014 ACA market reforms, such as guaranteed issue and essential health benefits.¹⁰

The absence of state-level market reform legislation consistent with the ACA could have raised concerns about potential gaps in the law’s enforcement.¹¹ Moreover, single-issuer states in 2017 were less likely to have applied for and to have received a federal outreach grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).¹²

Behind the Numbers

Our analysis found some common state characteristics associated with either thriving or struggling marketplaces. States using the federal marketplace tended to have fewer issuers, as did states that did not expand Medicaid and did not adopt into state law various 2014 insurance market reforms.¹³ We also found that states’ anti-ACA policies were associated with a reduction in the number of issuers participating.

Since the 2017 plan year, enrollment in states using the federal marketplace declined from 9.2 million to 8.7 million, while enrollment through state-based marketplaces remained stable.¹⁴ Many of these latter states invested in enhanced marketing and publicized that their marketplaces were still fully functioning. Moreover, most extended the enrollment period beyond that set by the federal marketplace, and some engaged in other measures promoting enrollment, such as earlier, more targeted advertising and an increased advertising budget.¹⁵

CMS reports that 11.8 million people were enrolled in the marketplaces at the end of the 2018 plan year enrollment period, a decline of 3.7 percent from the prior year.^{16,17} Recent federal policy initiatives have sought to scale back the ACA, such as by nearly eliminating the ACA advertising budget, reducing funding for navigator groups, and halving the duration of the sign-up period.¹⁸ More recently, the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced it would cut navigator funding to just \$10 million for the current enrollment period, down from \$34 million from the previous year and down \$63 million in 2017.¹⁹ Other measures — ending cost-sharing reduction payments to issuers, an executive order allowing smaller employers as well as individuals access to non-ACA-compliant association health plans, and expanded access to short-term plans not required to comply with ACA individual health insurance regulations — also could have significant implications for costs and the stability of the marketplaces.^{20,21}

While the repeal of the individual mandate included in the tax reform legislation passed in December 2017 will not go into effect until 2019, this measure has the potential to increase adverse selection, which would increase premiums for those purchasing health insurance. In the face of these measures, the relatively slight decline in enrollment appears to demonstrate the marketplaces' resiliency thus far. The fact that 83 percent of 2017 plan-year enrollees received premium subsidies, resulting in an average monthly premium of \$89, likely contributed to the lack of a major enrollment decline.²²

CONCLUSION

Many factors contribute to why some marketplaces have thrived while others have not. In 2017, factors affecting the number of issuers participating included state-run versus federally facilitated status, rural population, Medicaid expansion, and state responses to 2014 market reforms. The more recent legislative and regulatory changes, such as major reductions in federal advertising and navigator funding, also could have implications going forward, in particular for federal marketplace states.

Strengthening markets for consumers and issuers alike will require initiatives at the federal or state level. At this time, it is not clear whether Congress might make another effort to stabilize the markets by, for example, reestablishing a reinsurance program. If legislative or regulatory changes do not occur at the federal level, states also could take steps to pass their own reinsurance programs to help stabilize individual markets, as was done in Minnesota, Alaska, and Oregon.^{23,24}

HOW WE CONDUCTED THIS STUDY

Data

We used data from two primary sources: the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's HIX Compare dataset and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' *2010 Supplemental Health Care Exhibit Report* (SHCE), released in April 2011. The HIX Compare dataset provides information on the universe of marketplace plans from 2014 to 2017, while the SHCE dataset provides information on the individual insurance market in plan year 2010.

For marketplace years 2014–2017, using the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight's (CCIIO) Health Insurance Oversight System database, we counted all issuers that operated in a given state in a given year, identified by a five-digit code. For 2010, using SHCE data, we limited our universe of issuers to those with 3 percent or 5 percent or greater market share of the individual market that year. This prevented legacy issuers (those who did not enroll new members but whose long-term members were grandfathered in) and other very small issuers from affecting estimates. We calculated each issuer's market share based on total premiums earned. In addition, we calculated figures that helped describe each state's insurance market concentration in 2010, including the market shares of the top three issuers, the top Blues plan, and all Blues plans.

For context, we examined several historical, geographical, and market-level factors that could affect issuer participation—namely, state and county-level data on total population, population by race/ethnicity, and uninsured population from the American Community Survey five-year estimates, 2011–2015; We used the 2010 Census information to determine each state's rural population; the 2015–2016 Area Health Resource File to calculate each state's number of physicians per 1,000 residents; the Dartmouth Atlas to determine each state's number of inpatient hospital beds per 1,000 residents in 2012; Kaiser Family Foundation data on each state's hospital-adjusted expenses per inpatient;²⁵ and the American Hospital Directory to calculate state-level hospital market concentration of discharges, patient days, hospital beds, and gross patient revenue using a Herfindahl-Hirschman Index.

We also worked with researchers from the Center on Health Insurance Reforms at Georgetown University to incorporate measures of state regulatory policies that could impact market stabilization, including the decision to expand

Medicaid (as of January 2017),²⁶ allowing non-ACA-compliant plans after 2014 (known as “grandmothered” plans),²⁷ whether states enacted legislation imposing restrictions on navigators or other ACA consumer assisters (as of June 2014),²⁸ the decision to adopt market reform policies called for in the ACA,²⁹ the acquisition of grants from CCIIO to aid in consumer outreach efforts regarding the marketplaces,³⁰ and a state's decision to participate in the landmark *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius* Supreme Court case that challenged the Affordable Care Act.³¹ All figures were weighted by state population.

Analysis

We calculated both descriptive and multivariate statistics using unweighted data, as we wanted to assess the relationship between states' policy and political decisions and issuer participation in states' marketplaces. The unit of analysis for descriptive statistics was the state because it is the locus of most policy decisions. For multivariate analysis, the unit was the rating area — a subunit of the state, such as counties or metropolitan statistical areas, that insurers use to adjust premium rates—to provide a sufficient number of observations ($n=499$ versus $n=51$). However, because many analytic variables did not differ across rating areas (and differed only across states), a flattening of the results may have occurred because of redundant data in the analysis.

[Appendix 1](#) displays regression results without state-level fixed effects. The dependent variable was the expected number of issuers competing in a rating area, which was transformed to a natural log (Ln). Multicollinearity necessitated omitting some the policy and control variables. We used a Poisson distribution for statistical testing. The distribution for the dependent variable, number of issuers in a rating area, was truncated at 0. Control variables included the rating area's population and the state's physicians per 1,000 population, hospital beds per 1,000 persons, hospital concentration, and share of its rural population.

Multivariate Findings

To isolate the effects of individual variables on issuer participation in rating areas, we conducted multivariate analysis. Two variables — allowance of grandfathered plans and antinavigator laws — had anomalous positive effects. This was likely related to the high degree of collinearity between a state's various policy decisions and alternate modeling specifications that produce coefficients that are different, but no more robust.

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Appendix 1. Poisson Regression Model Estimates for Number of Issuers Offering in a Geographic Rating Area in 2017

Variable	Estimate	Expected effect on count of issuers participating	P-value
Intercept	1.73	5.63	<.001
Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (gross patient revenue)	0.00	1.00	0.165
State did not expand Medicaid	-0.26	0.77	<.001
State is a federally facilitated marketplace state	-0.49	0.61	<.001
State did not adopt market reforms	-0.41	0.66	<.001
State has antinavigator law	0.17	1.18	0.024
State allows grandmothers plans	0.28	1.33	0.045
Number of issuers in state with 3% or greater market share (2010)	-0.02	0.98	0.325
Percent of state population in rural areas	0.00	1.00	0.567
Physicians per 1,000 people (state)	0.07	1.08	0.087
Market share of all Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans in state (2010)	-0.01	0.99	<.0001
Rating area population	0.09	1.09	<.0001

Data: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, HIX Compare, 2017; National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *Supplemental Health Insurance Exhibit Report*; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2011–2015; 2010 United States Census; 2015–2016 Area Health Resource File; 2012 Dartmouth Atlas; Kaiser Family Foundation; American Hospital Directory Hospital Statistics by State, 2017. Data provided by the Center for Health Insurance Reform, Georgetown University.

Notes: The estimated effect is derived by exponentiation of the Estimate column. This represents the expected multiplicative effect that a one-unit increase in the variable would have on the number of issuers participating in a given rating area. This statistic is also known as the incidence rate ratio (IRR). The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index measures market concentration. It is calculated as the sum of the square of the market share for each firm.

Appendix 2. Number of Issuers with 5 Percent or Greater Market Share in Individual Market, Combined Market Share of All Blue Cross/Blue Shield Plans in Individual Market, and Number of Issuers Participating on Individual Marketplaces, by State, 2015 and 2017

State	Issuers with 5% or greater market share, 2010	Market share of all Blues plans, 2010	Marketplace issuers, 2015	Marketplace issuers, 2017
Alabama	2	87%	3	1
Alaska	5	64%	2	1
Arizona	5	53%	13	2
Arkansas	2	76%	4	4
California	4	73%	11	11
Colorado	6	34%	10	7
Connecticut	4	57%	3	2
Delaware	4	55%	3	3
District of Columbia	4	67%	1	3
Florida	5	46%	14	7
Georgia	6	56%	8	5
Hawaii	2	54%	2	2
Idaho	2	86%	4	5
Illinois	3	66%	10	5
Indiana	3	68%	8	4
Iowa	2	85%	4	5
Kansas	5	69%	5	3
Kentucky	2	88%	5	3
Louisiana	2	76%	6	4
Maine	3	46%	3	3
Maryland	3	71%	5	5
Massachusetts	2	61%	12	9
Michigan	1	60%	16	10
Minnesota	1	74%	5	4
Mississippi	2	56%	3	2
Missouri	3	56%	7	4
Montana	2	50%	4	3
Nebraska	2	67%	4	2
Nevada	2	43%	5	4
New Hampshire	2	74%	5	4
New Jersey	2	74%	6	3
New Mexico	2	62%	5	4
New York	2	33%	16	16
North Carolina	1	83%	3	2
North Dakota	2	83%	3	3
Ohio	2	4%	16	11
Oklahoma	3	56%	4	1
Oregon	3	54%	10	6
Pennsylvania	3	64%	15	8
Rhode Island	1	89%	3	2
South Carolina	2	54%	4	1
South Dakota	1	77%	3	2
Tennessee	2	44%	5	3
Texas	1	55%	15	10
Utah	3	28%	6	3
Vermont	2	80%	2	2
Virginia	1	83%	9	11
Washington	3	72%	10	9
West Virginia	3	50%	1	2
Wisconsin	4	23%	15	15
Wyoming	2	53%	1	1

Data: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, *2010 Supplemental Health Care Exhibit Report* (NAIC, 2011); and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *HIX Compare*, 2015–2017.

