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Financing Care Systems for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

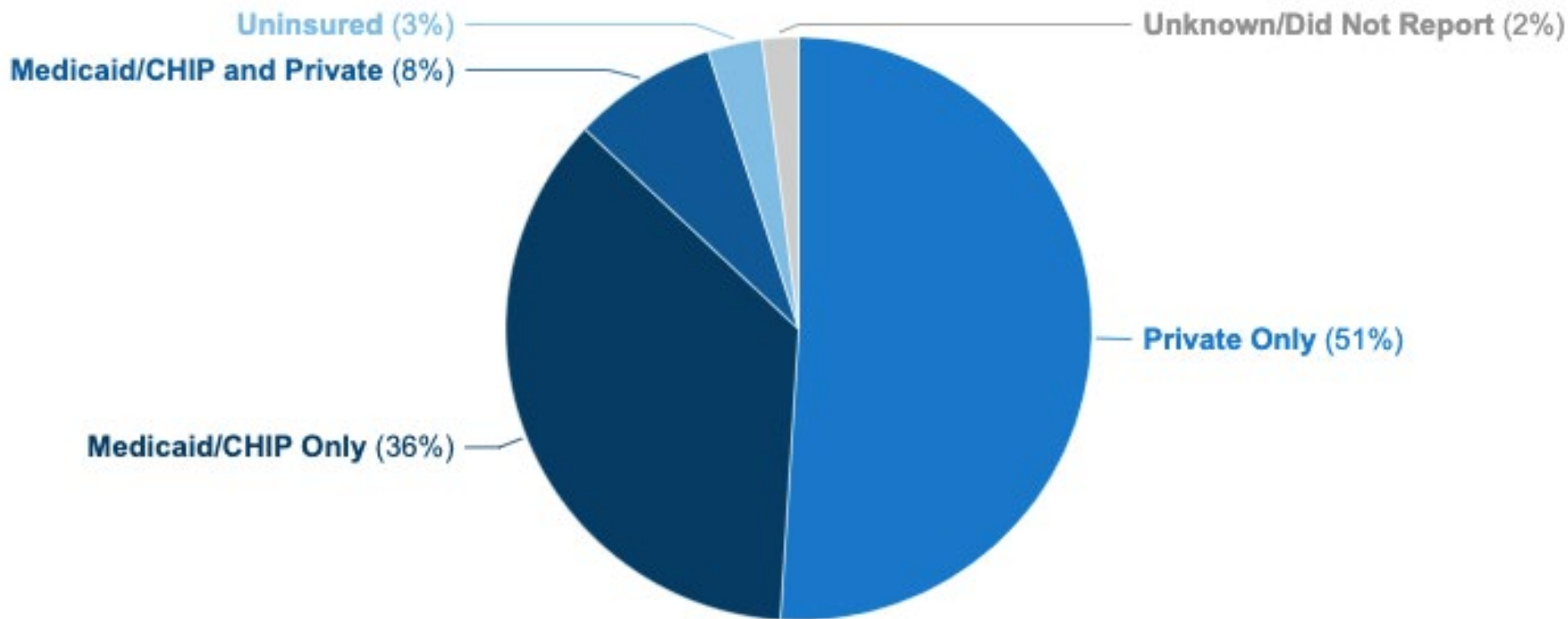
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Health Insurance Status of Children with Special Health Care Needs, 2019

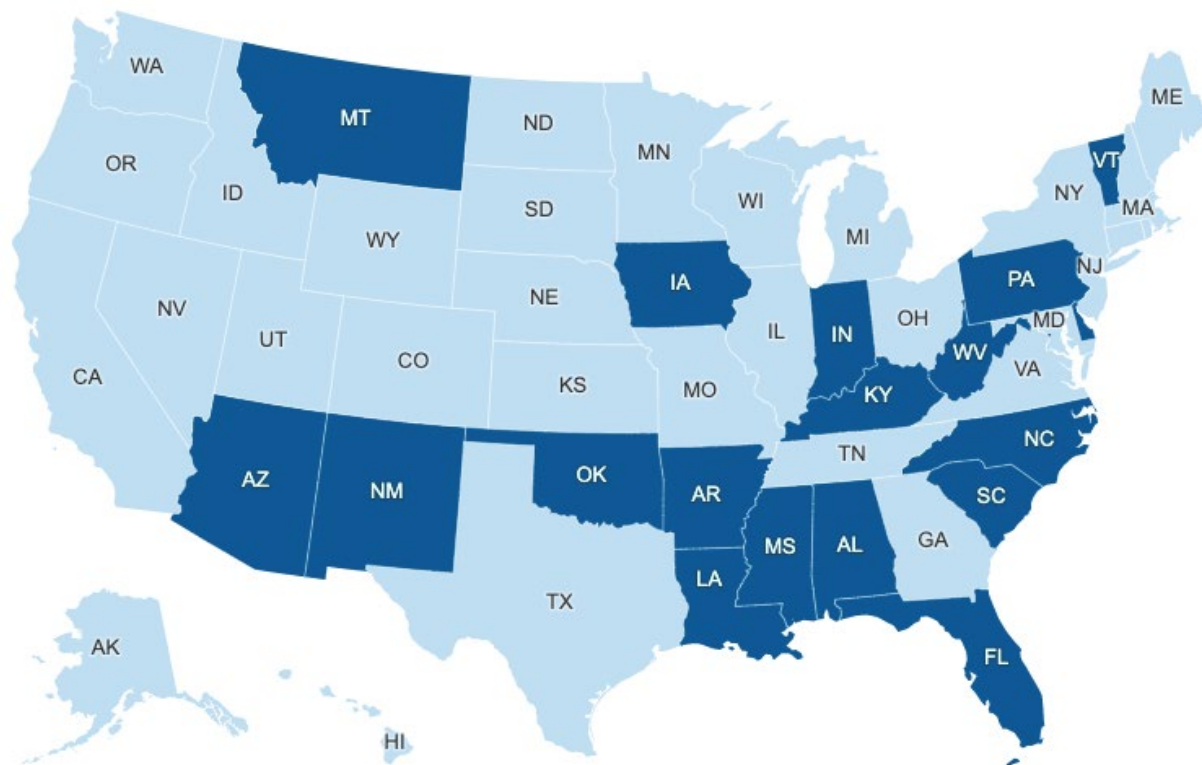


Total = 13.9 million children with special health care needs

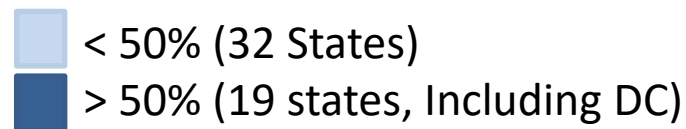
Selected Health Measures of Children Age 0-18 by Insurance Status, 2019

Demographic characteristics	Percentage of children age 0-18			
	Total	Medicaid/ CHIP	Private	Uninsured
Conditions over lifetime				
ADD/ADHD ¹	8.2	10.2	7.0*	5.6*
Asthma	10.7	14.3	8.9*	6.3*
Autism ¹	2.7	3.4	2.3*	—
Developmental delay ²	4.7	6.3	3.8*	—
Diabetes	0.4	—	0.4	—
Intellectual disability ²	1.5	2.6	0.9*	—

Share of Children with Special Health Care Needs Covered by Medicaid/CHIP, 2019



U.S. average = 45%



Section 1115 Demonstrations: What are They?

- Named after Section 1115 of the Social Security Act
- Allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to grant **waivers** of certain requirements in Medicaid, CHIP, or spend/receive federal **\$\$** in different ways
- Waivers must be necessary to conduct a *true health coverage demonstration, experiment, or pilot project* and *promote the objectives* of Medicaid

How Long do Waivers Last?

- Only “for the period ... necessary” to carry out experiment
- Initial approval period is usually five years
- Renewal/Extension typically three years
 - Short term extensions are often granted while agreements are being negotiated
- Trump-era CMS authorized longer (10 year) extensions

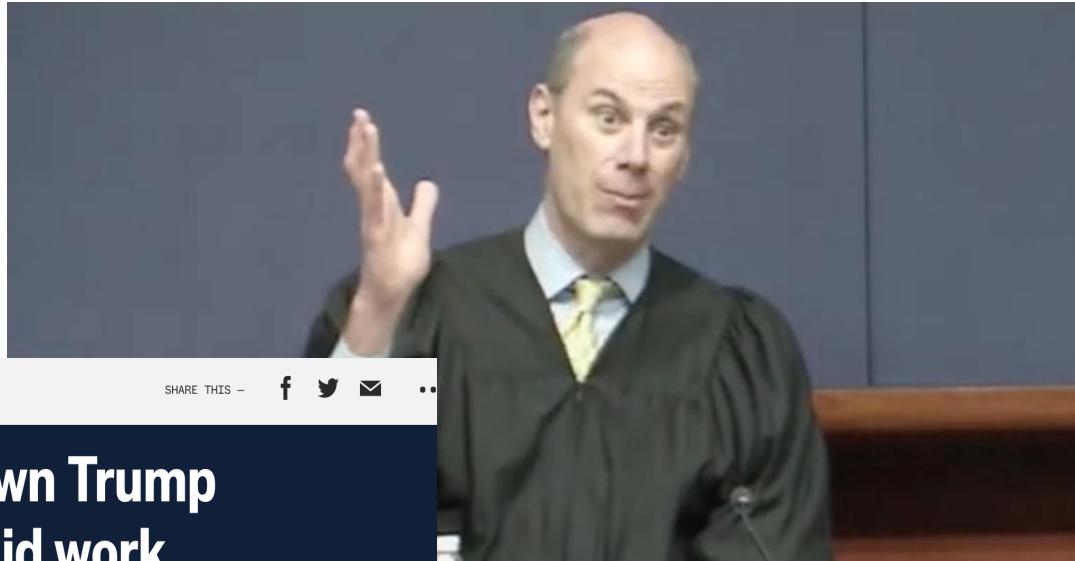


Section 1115 Demos: How Much Flexibility is There?

- HHS can't waive everything – only certain parts of the law. HHS can't waive or change the match rates
- Demonstrations must be “budget neutral” for the federal government; but this is not a statutory requirement



Waivers Can Go Too Far



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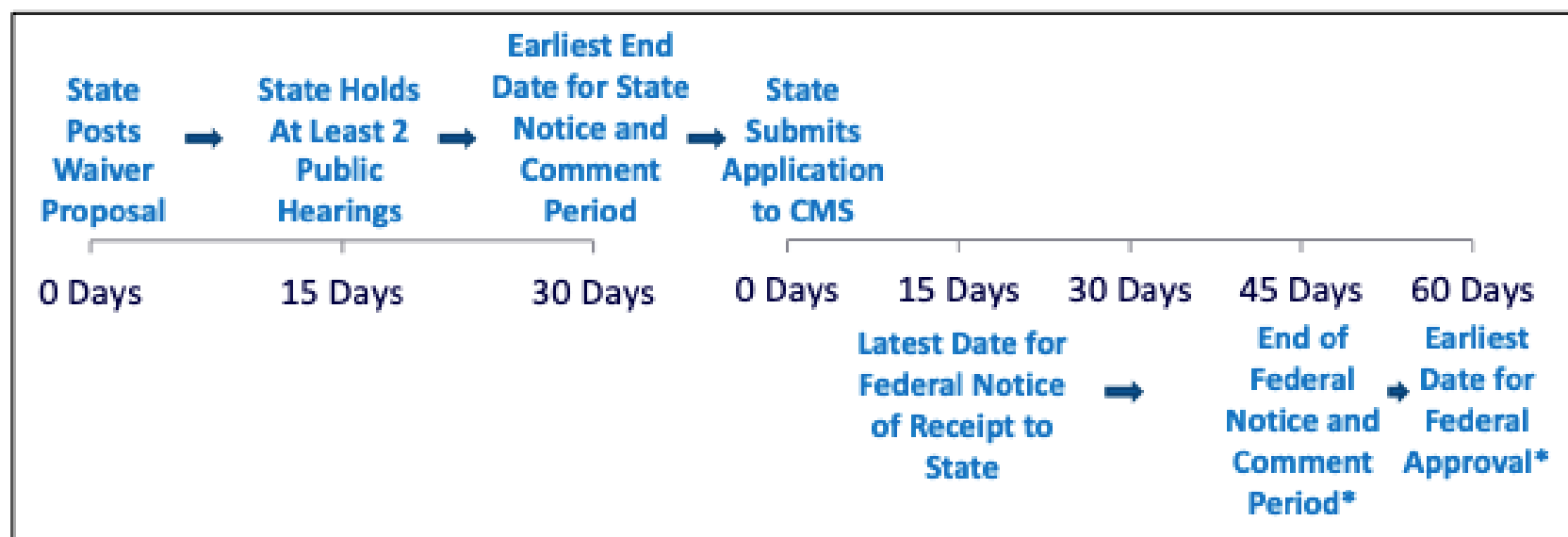
The court ruled the White House had acted unlawfully and that Health Secretary Alex Azar's approval of the program, known as Arkansas Works, was "arbitrary and capricious."

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Appeals court unanimously strikes down Medicaid work requirements

Section 1115 Waivers Have Public Comment and Approval Process Requirements



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