

# The Coming Debate Over The Future of the Affordable Care Act

Presentation to the Board of Covered California

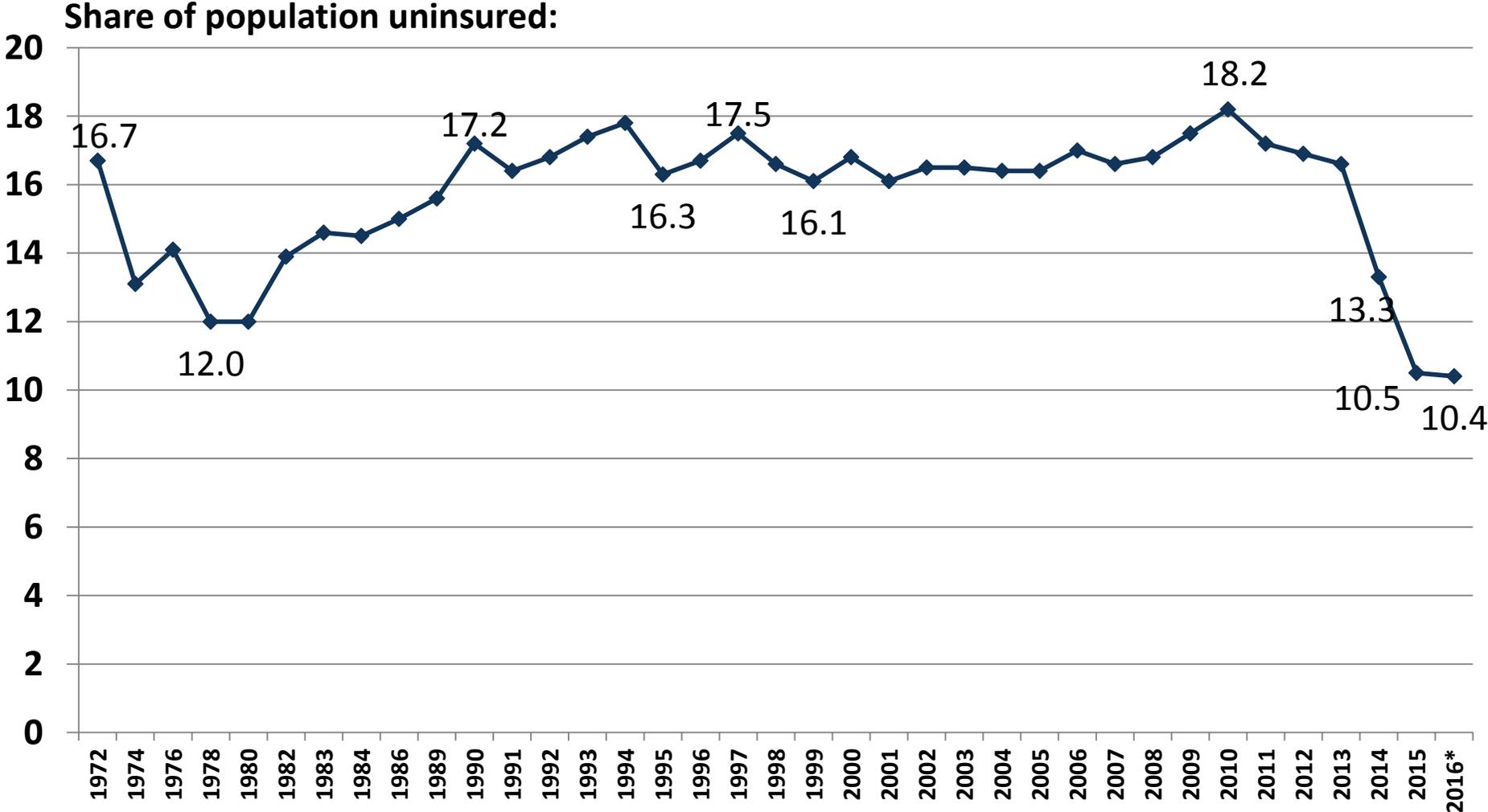
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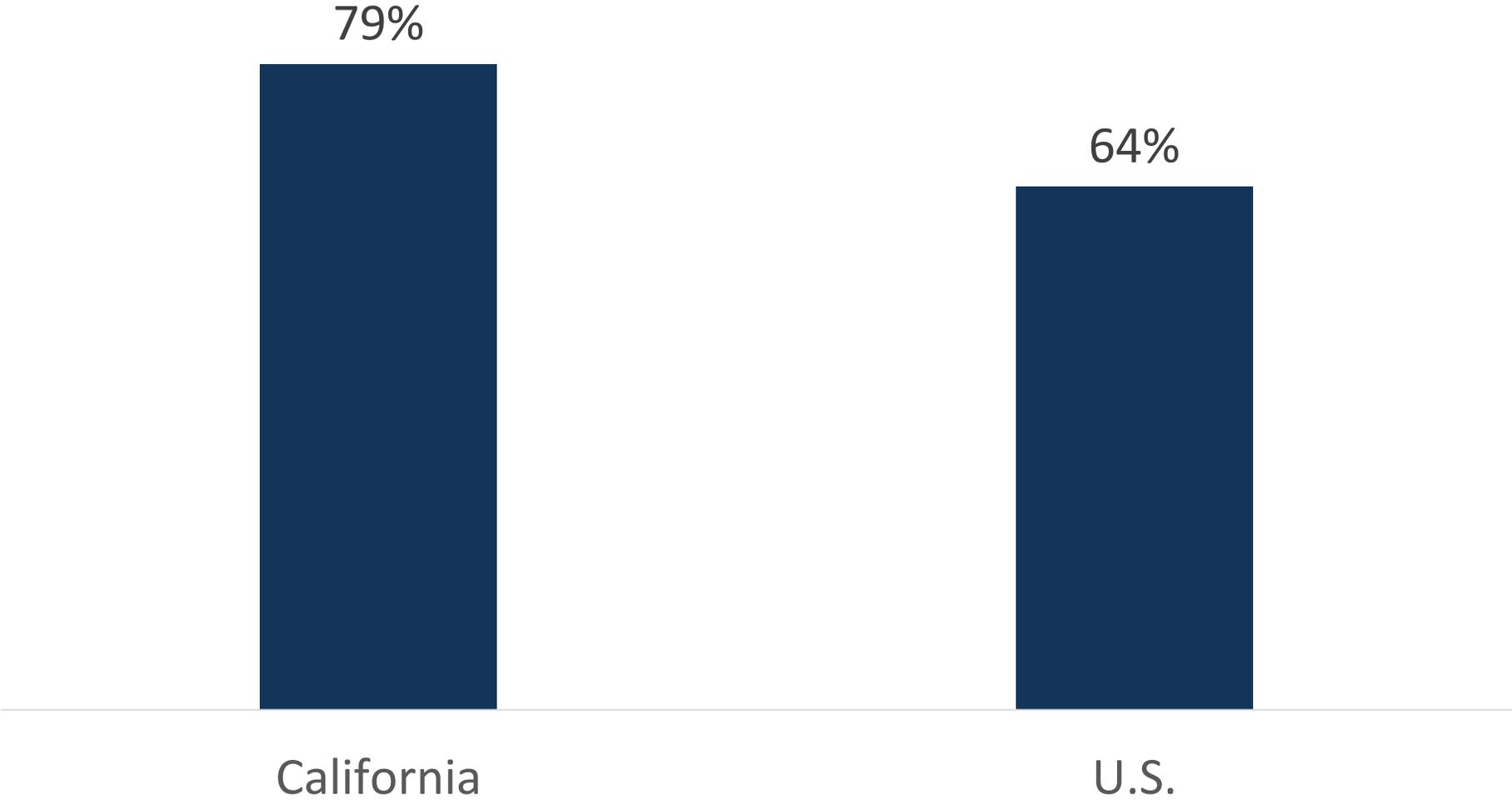
# Uninsured Rate Among the Nonelderly Population, 1972–2016



Note: 2016 data is for Q1 & Q2 only.

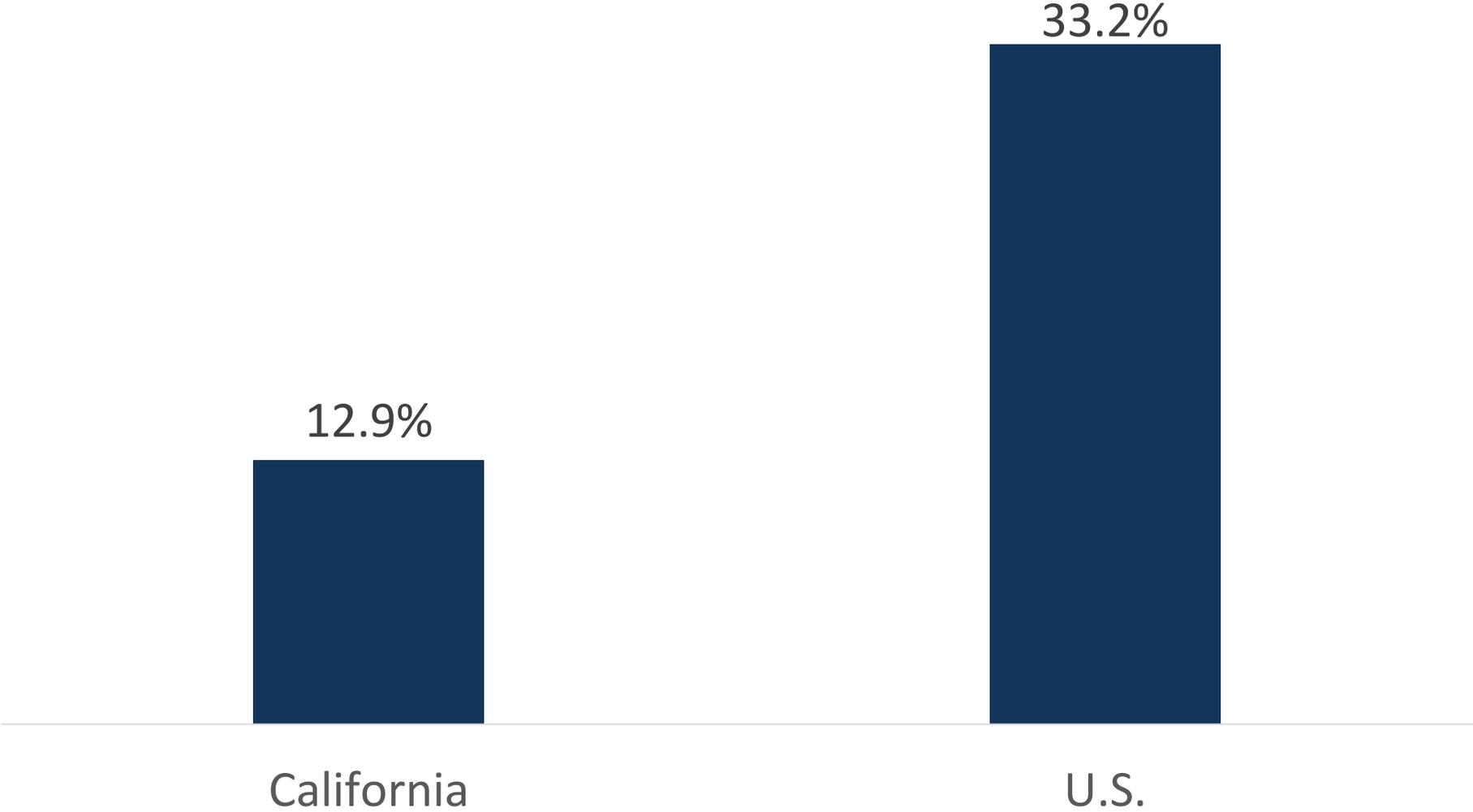
Source: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, reported in [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health\\_policy/trends\\_hc\\_1968\\_2011.htm#table01](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/health_policy/trends_hc_1968_2011.htm#table01) and <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/insur201611.pdf>.

# Subsidized Marketplace Enrollees as a Share Of Subsidy Eligibles, 2016



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis

# Cumulative Change in Benchmark Premiums, 2014–2017



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation analysis

# Possible ACA Alternatives

President-Elect Trump	Speaker Ryan/House GOP
Repeal the ACA	Repeal the ACA
Block grant Medicaid	Medicaid block grant or per capita cap
Make individual health insurance premiums deductible	Refundable tax credit varying by age but not income
Sale of insurance across state lines	Sale of insurance across state lines
Expand Health Savings Accounts	Expand Health Savings Accounts
High-risk pools	High-risk pools (\$25 billion over 10 years)
Protections for people with continuous insurance	Protections for people with continuous insurance
	Cap the tax exclusion for employer-based insurance

# Remembering What a Pre-Existing Condition Is

## Medical Condition Rejection List

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If you have a condition, illness, or injury that is listed on the Medical Condition Rejection List below, you will most likely be declined for individual coverage with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Colorado.

These conditions include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ AIDS
- ▶ Alcoholism/Alcohol Abuse (within 7 years)
- ▶ Angioplasty
- ▶ Aortic Stenosis
- ▶ Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
- ▶ Ascites (within 5 years)
- ▶ Bi-Polar Disorder
- ▶ Boecks Sarcoidosis
- ▶ By-pass surgery
- ▶ Cancer (other than skin cancer)/Malignant Melanoma<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Cerebral Vascular Accident
- ▶ Cerebral Vascular Disease
- ▶ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (if currently smoking)
- ▶ Chronic Pancreatitis
- ▶ Chronic Renal Failure
- ▶ Cirrhosis of Liver
- ▶ Coronary Heart Disease
- ▶ Cushing's Syndrome
- ▶ Cystic Fibrosis
- ▶ Diabetes (managed with any type of medication)
- ▶ Drug Addiction/Abuse (within 5 years)
- ▶ Fatty Liver (hepatic steatosis) (fully recovered with normal lab results for minimum of 6 months)
- ▶ Grand Mal Epilepsy (within 5 years)
- ▶ Heart Attack
- ▶ Height and Weight (see chart)
- ▶ Hemodialysis/Peritoneal Dialysis
- ▶ Hemophilia
- ▶ HIV
- ▶ Hodgkins Disease
- ▶ Huntington's Chorea
- ▶ Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- ▶ Leukemia (within 7 years)
- ▶ Liver Atrophy
- ▶ Lupus Erythematosus (Systemic)
- ▶ Multiple Neurofibromatosis (within 7 years)
- ▶ Multiple Sclerosis
- ▶ Muscular Dystrophy
- ▶ Myasthenia Gravis
- ▶ Myocardial Infarction
- ▶ Nephrosclerosis
- ▶ Organic Brain Disorder
- ▶ Pacemaker
- ▶ Paget's Disease
- ▶ Parkinson's Disease
- ▶ Pending surgery of any kind
- ▶ Peripheral Vascular Disease
- ▶ Polycystic Kidney
- ▶ Pregnancy (current)
- ▶ Psychotic Disorder
- ▶ Rheumatic Heart Disease
- ▶ Stroke
- ▶ Systemic Scleroderma
- ▶ Tetralogy of Fallot
- ▶ Transient Ischemic Attack (within 5 years)
- ▶ Organ Transplants
- ▶ Valve Replacement

# Some Long-Term Questions to Consider Under an ACA Alternative

- What would be the impact on the number of people uninsured?
- Could low and middle income people afford health insurance and health care?
- Is there a way for people with pre-existing conditions to get adequate health care?
- How might changes in Medicaid affect the individual insurance market?
- Are there mechanisms and resources for states to go further if they wish?
- Is there a role for an organization like Covered California to structure the market and help consumers get insured?

# Potential Shorter-Term Questions in the Context of an ACA Repeal Debate

- How to communicate to potential enrollees that the ACA's benefits and requirements are still in effect?
- How to maintain stability in the individual insurance market if there is a gap in time between an ACA repeal vote in Congress and implementation of an alternative?
  - How will a new Administration handle *House v. Burwell* and lawsuits over risk corridor payments?
- What might the transition from the ACA to a new structure look like?