

DAAHR Briefing: The New Reality in Health Care

Disability Advocates Advancing Our Healthcare Rights
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Political Landscape – U.S.



- **Presidential Race**

- Popular Vote - 46% Trump (62,985,105) to 48% Clinton (65,853,625)
- Electoral College – 304 Trump to 227 Clinton

- **United States Senate – 52 R – 46D – 2I (Caucus with Ds)**

- Senator Elizabeth Warren – Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP); Special Committee on Aging (focused on strengthening Medicare)

- **United States House – 241 R – 194 D**

- Representative Richard Neal - Committee on Ways and Means
- Representative Joe Kennedy - Committee on Energy and Commerce

- **Governors – 31 R – 18 D – 1**

Political Landscape – Massachusetts



- **Governor Charlie Baker – R**

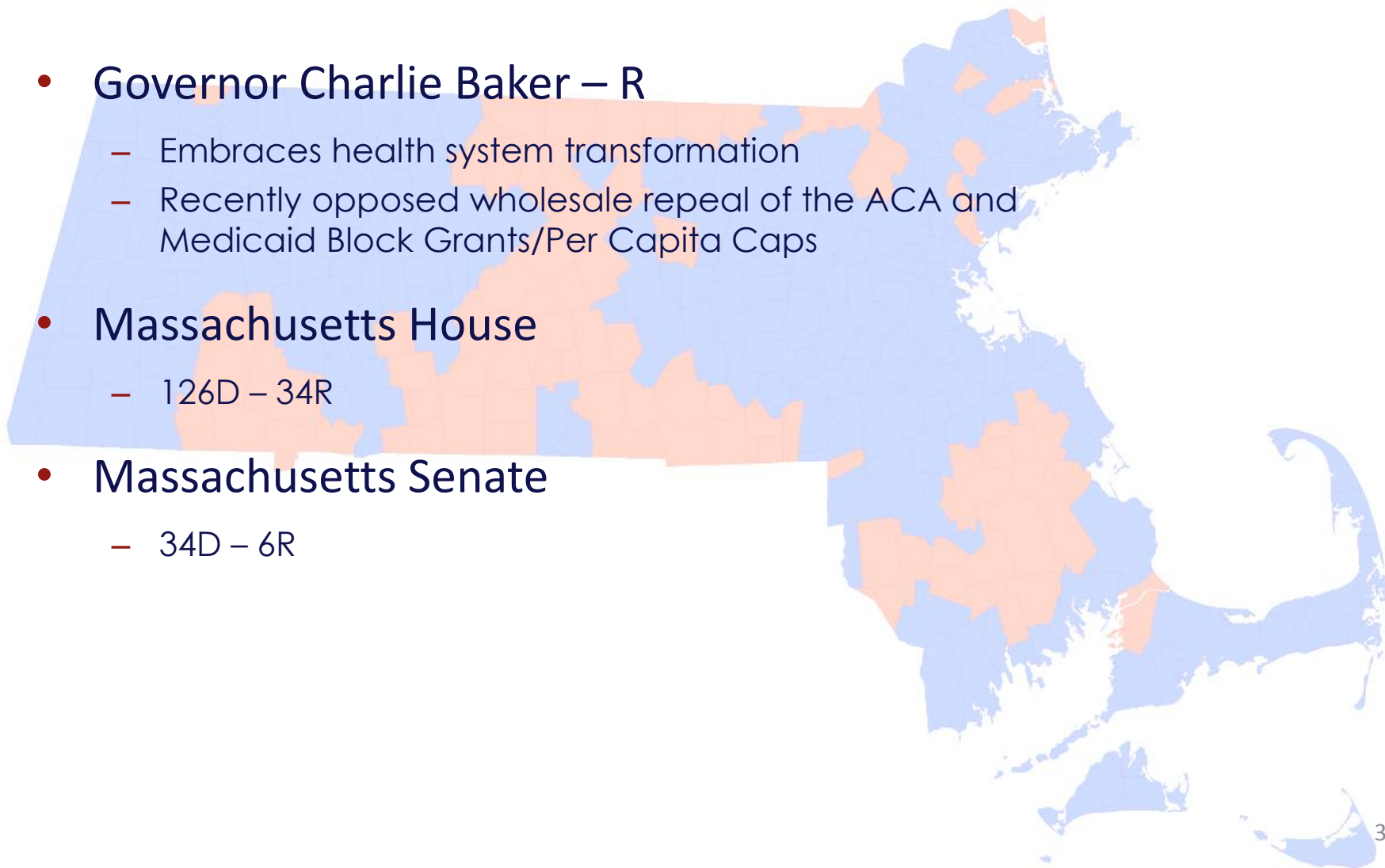
- Embraces health system transformation
- Recently opposed wholesale repeal of the ACA and Medicaid Block Grants/Per Capita Caps

- **Massachusetts House**

- 126D – 34R

- **Massachusetts Senate**

- 34D – 6R



Personnel is Policy



Tom Price, Nominee for HHS Secretary



Seema Verma, Nominee for CMS Administrator

The Road Ahead



The Road Ahead – The Sprint



- Repeal of the Affordable Care Act
- Vehicles:
 - Trump Executive Order
 - Reconciliation
- Timeline – Late February/Early March 2017
 - Republicans in the Senate may offer an alternative that could push this date out



The Road Ahead – The 5K



- Medicaid Shift to Block Grants or Per Capita Caps
- Vehicle: Reconciliation
- Timeline – 2017



The Road Ahead – The Marathon



- Transformation of Medicare from a Defined Benefit to a Defined Contribution Program
- Replacement of ACA
- Timeline – 2018 and after



The Road Ahead – The Iron Man?

- Transforming Health System Transformation Initiatives
 - Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI)
 - Dual Eligible Demonstrations
 - State Waiver Programs
- Timeline – ???



How Does This Affect People With Disabilities?



- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Innovation
- Community First Choice Option
- Private Market
 - No pre-existing health conditions
 - No lifetime monetary caps
 - Community rating
 - Nondiscrimination provisions
 - essential health benefits
 - mental health parity
- Health-related provisions



How Does This Affect People With Disabilities *in Massachusetts?*

- Massachusetts has embraced the Affordable Care Act
 - Marketplace
 - Medicaid Expansion
 - General Insurance Reforms
 - For Seniors – the Donut Hole
- Massachusetts has a Robust Medicaid Program
 - Nine HCBS waivers
- Massachusetts has a Robust Innovation Agenda
 - MassHealth Restructuring – ACOs, CPs
 - Dual Eligible Demonstration Project: OneCare
 - Hundreds of Other Initiatives

Questions?

Action Steps!
