



Partnership Plan



A Joint Federal/State
Audit Approach
to the Medicaid Program

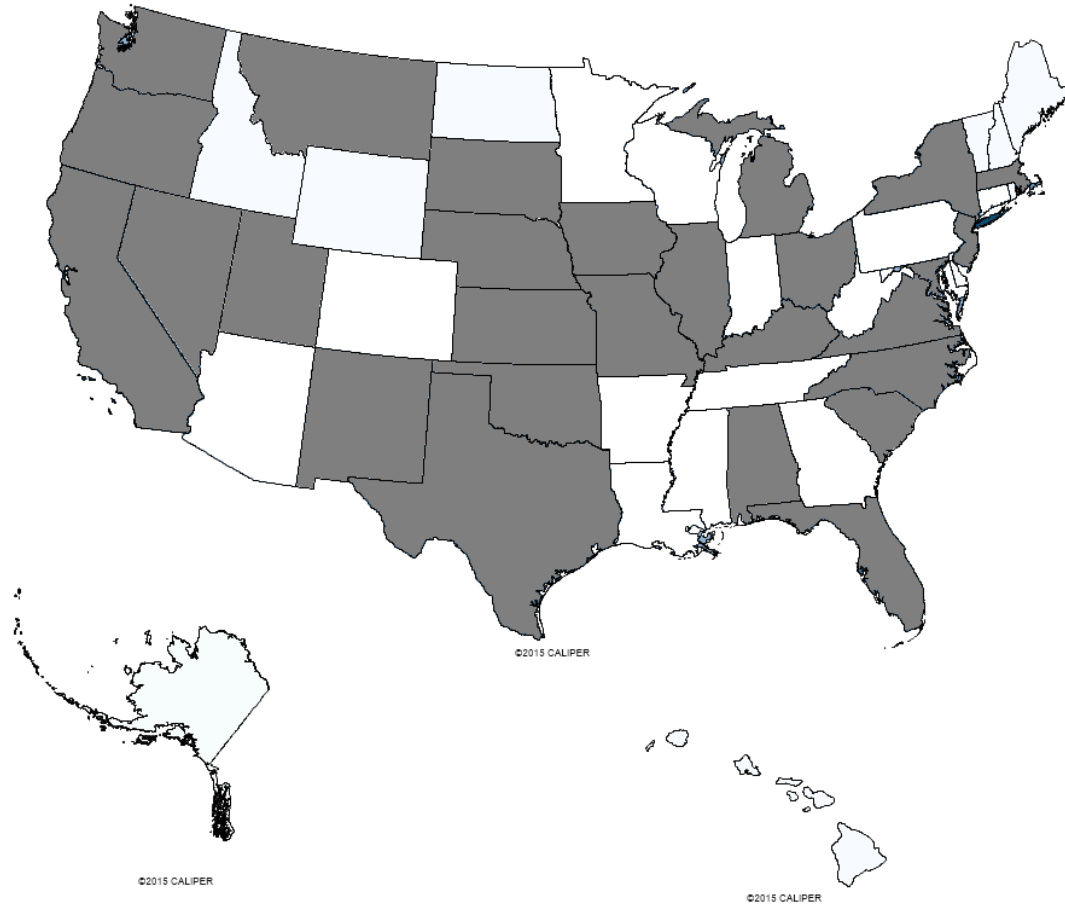


“The cost of providing health care services through the Medicaid program is escalating at an alarming rate. States felt the impact of these costs escalations as their budgets strain to continue providing health services included in the Medicaid State plan...Controlling Medicaid costs is an objective of both State governments and the Federal Government.”

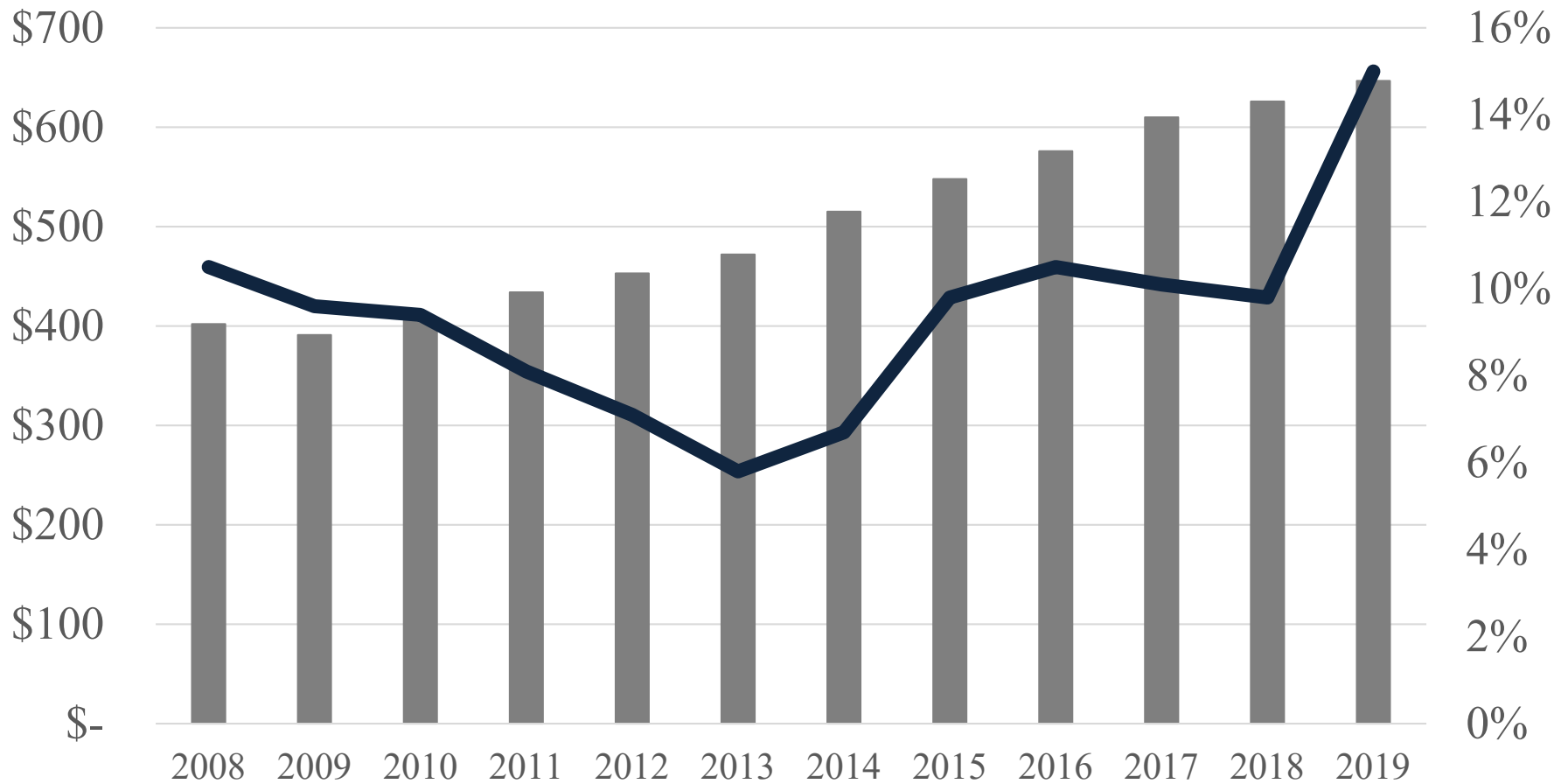
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Prior Partnerships



Medicaid Costs and Improper Payment Error Rate



Principles

- Continuously engaged in joint Federal-State audits that will positively influence the control of Medicaid costs and improper payments
- Capitalize on past experience from past audits and data analytics to jumpstart focused audits and
- Cultivate innovation that will enhance the success of the partnership



Goals

- Encourage more efficient and cost-effective delivery of healthcare to elderly, disabled, and indigent Americans;
- Be responsive to healthcare policy and program officials' needs for up-to-date information on critical healthcare issues;
- Provide high quality technical and innovative support for proposed regulatory reform and policy changes;
- Review CMS's and State Medicaid Agencies' operations to help ensure compliance with program requirements;



Goals

- Detect and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse;
- Recommend corrective actions on identified problems in the Medicaid program and ensuring that corrective actions were taken; and
- Uphold oversight responsibilities to help protect the integrity of limited funds.



Federal-State Partnerships

- **Leverage**
 - Data analytics and subject matter expertise
- **Methodology**
 - Provide needed data
 - Share methods and results
 - Build on success
- **Outcomes**
 - Recovery of improper payments
 - Program improvements and savings
 - More cost-efficient delivery of care
 - Improved health and safety of a vulnerable population
 - Better accountability



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