



BROOKINGS



New York State Affordable Care Act Implementation

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Is Act too complex and too nuanced for the 24/7 world of news?

No scandals? No fraud, waste, and/or abuse involved?

No partisan differences in the State Legislature worthy of emphasis?

New York public sharply divided on the ACA?

The ACA has been implemented smoothly and skillfully in New York?

Background Matters

Paradoxical Political Culture

Three Influential Decisions

- Expand Medicaid income eligibility
- Centralize Medicaid intake
- Create Medicaid Redesign Team

Long-established Statewide Health Partnerships

Establishing the exchange

The NY State of Health

Locating the Exchange: Overcoming
Partisan Objections

The Framework for Individual,
Integrated Marketplace

Operational Challenges

Institutional

Technological

Enrollment on the Exchange: QHPs

Year 1	205,000	370,604
Year 2	205,000	415,352
Year 3	205,000	271,964
Total	615,000	1,057,920

NY State of Health Total Enrollment (Individual Programs)

Year 1 960,762

Year 2 2,140,413

Year 3 2,833,823

The Critical Element: Leadership