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Georgia's Health Care Landscape





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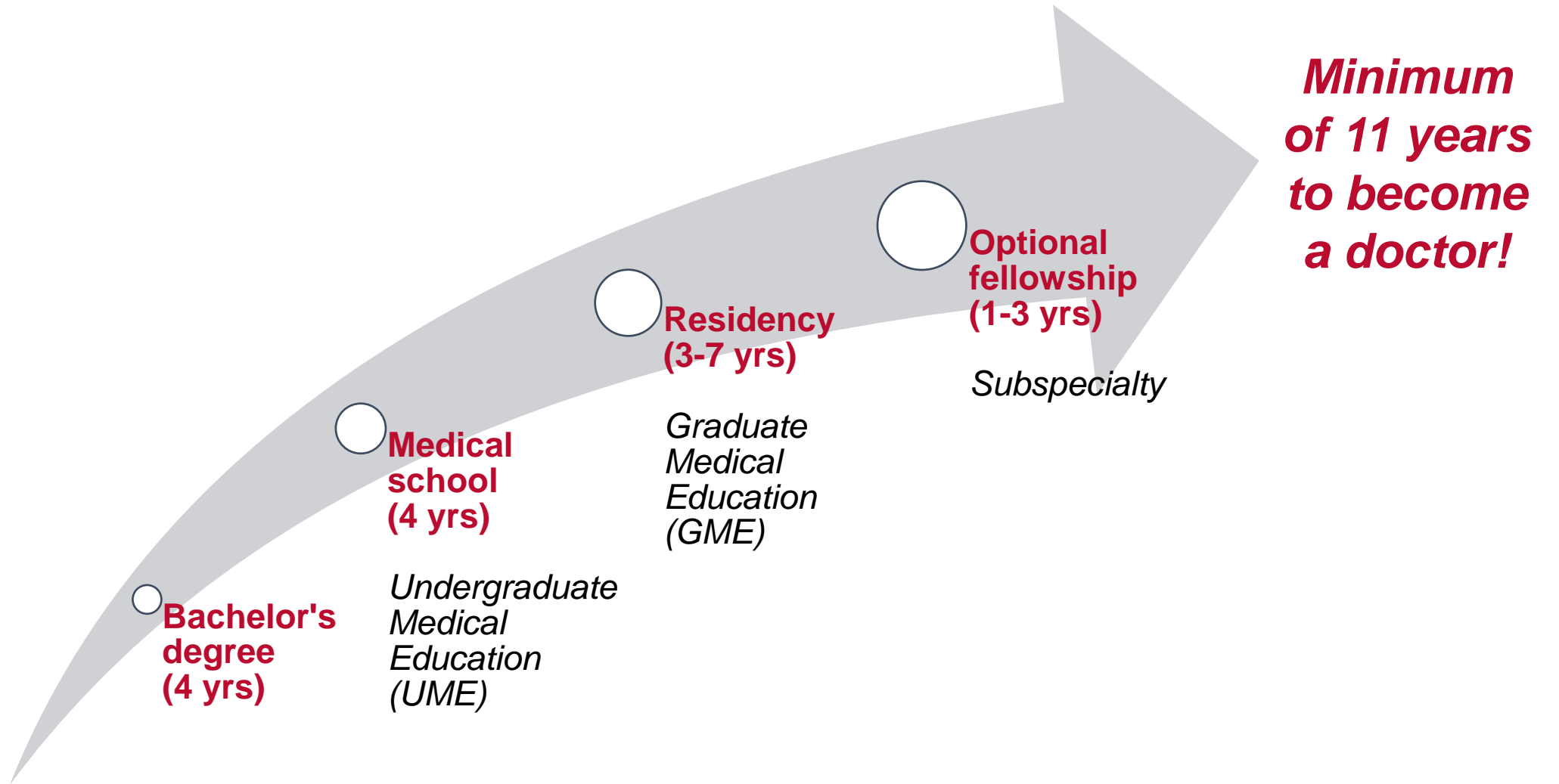
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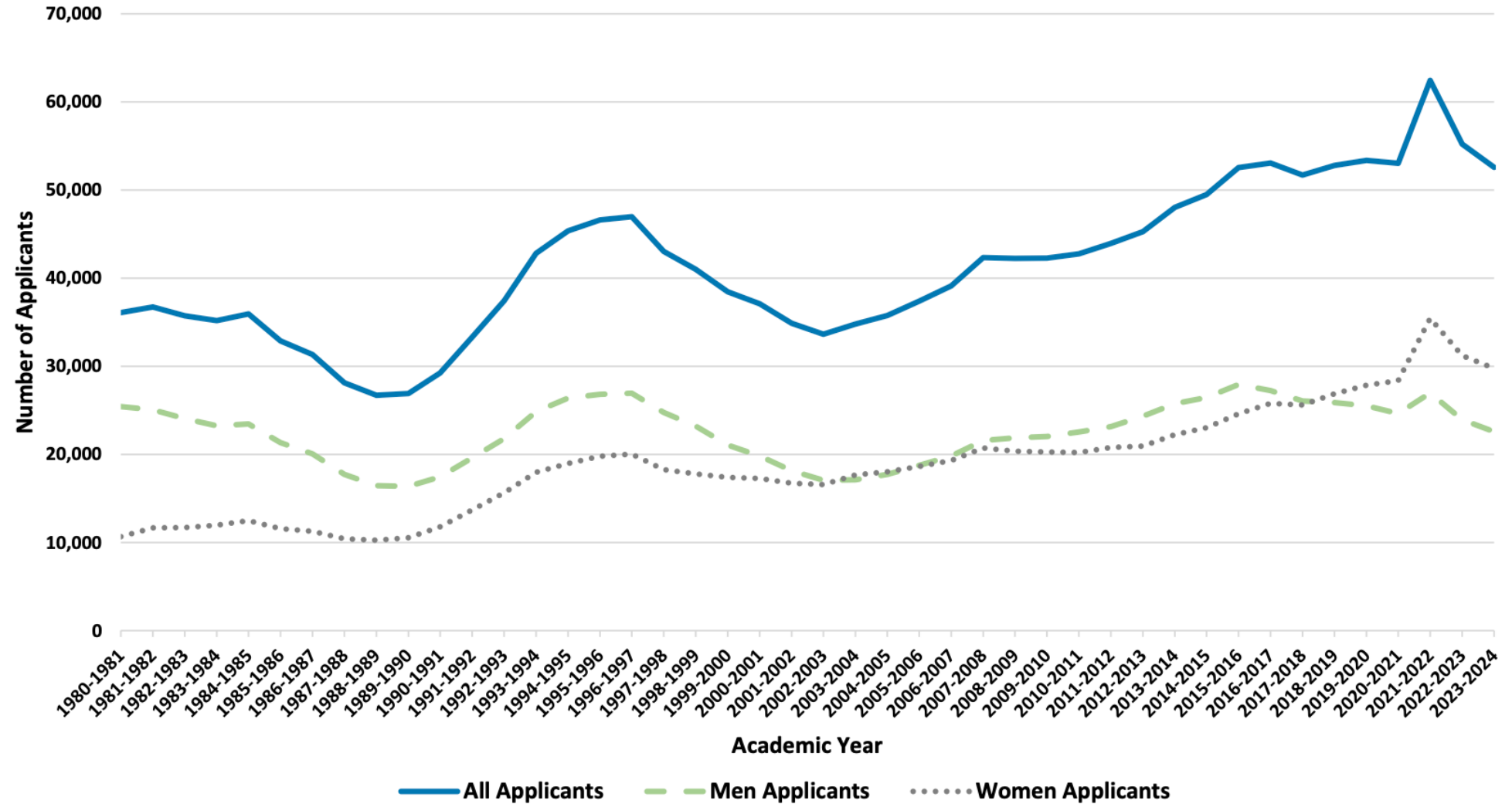
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Timeline to Become a Physician



Applicants to U.S. Medical Schools by Gender, 1980 – 2023

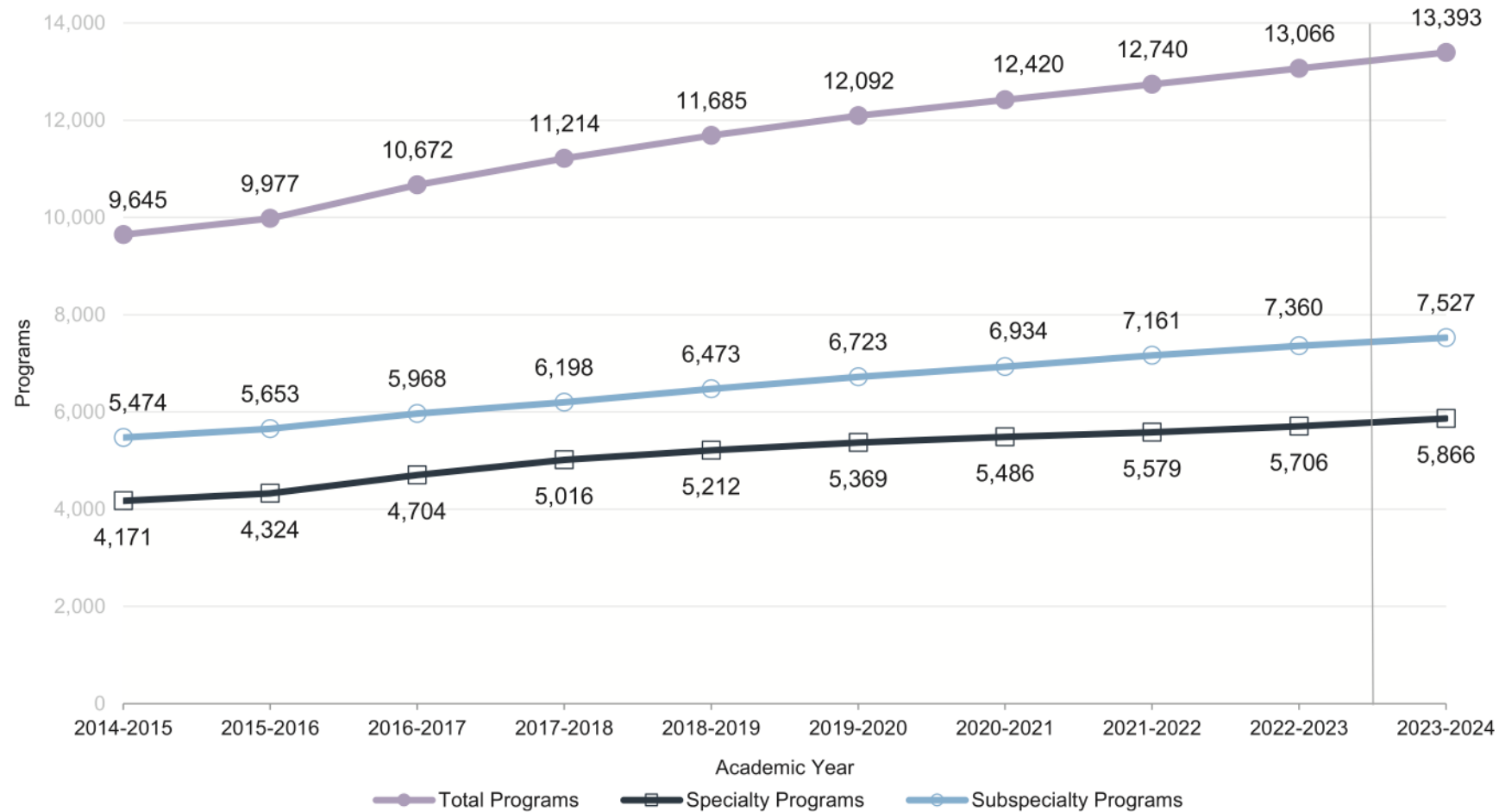


Georgia Medical Schools

- Currently four Doctor of Medicine (MD) and one Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) medical schools in Georgia.
- For AY24, there were 25k-30k total applications across all five schools.
- First-year enrollment numbers (AY24):
 - Emory – 139
 - Medical College of Georgia (Augusta, Athens, and Savannah) – 264
 - Mercer – 170
 - Morehouse – 110
 - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) (Suwanee and Moultrie) – 200
 - Total for MD schools – 683; DO school – 200

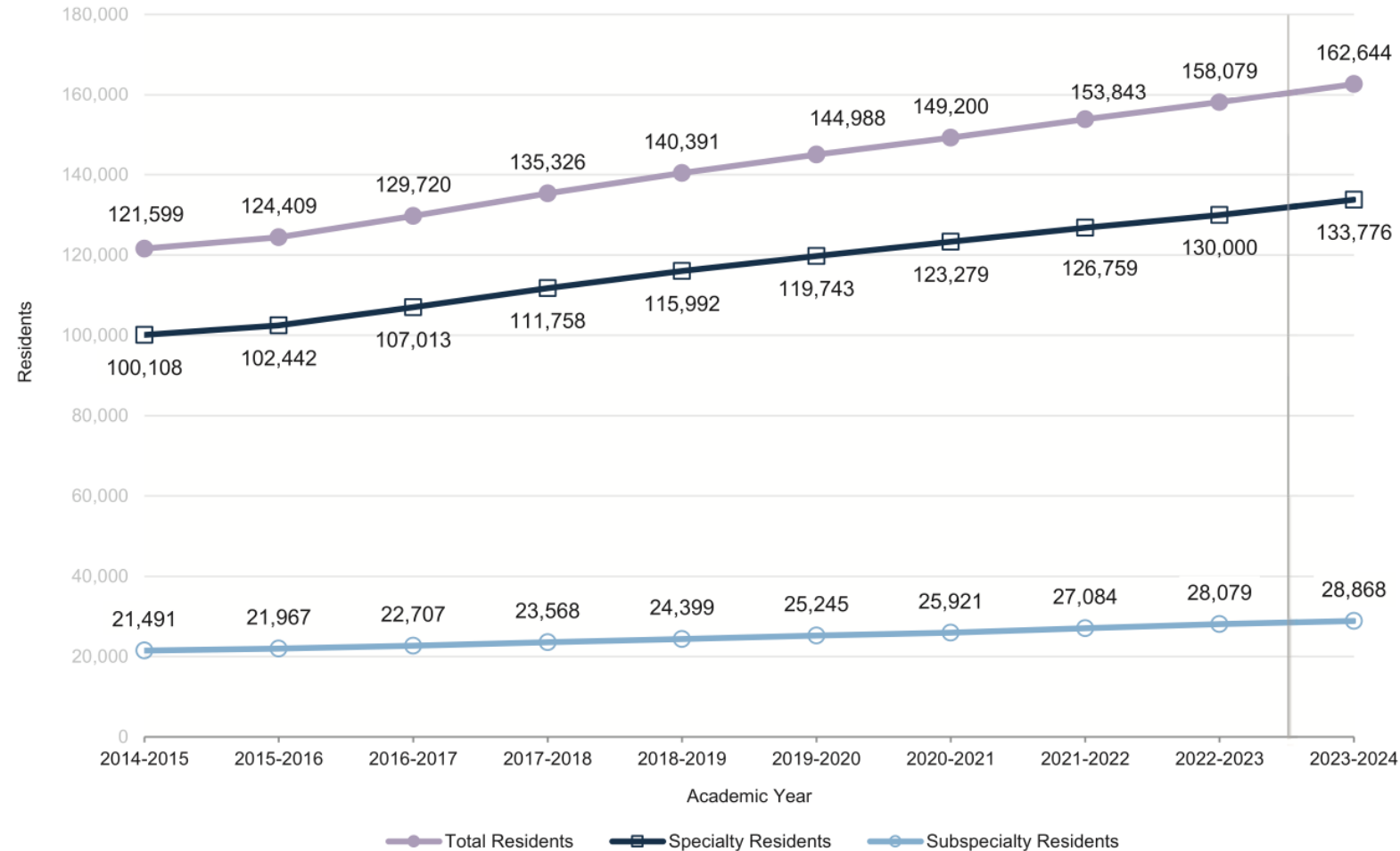
Accredited Programs by AY, 2014-2015 to 2023-2024

Number of Accredited Programs by Academic Year, 2014-2015 to 2023-2024



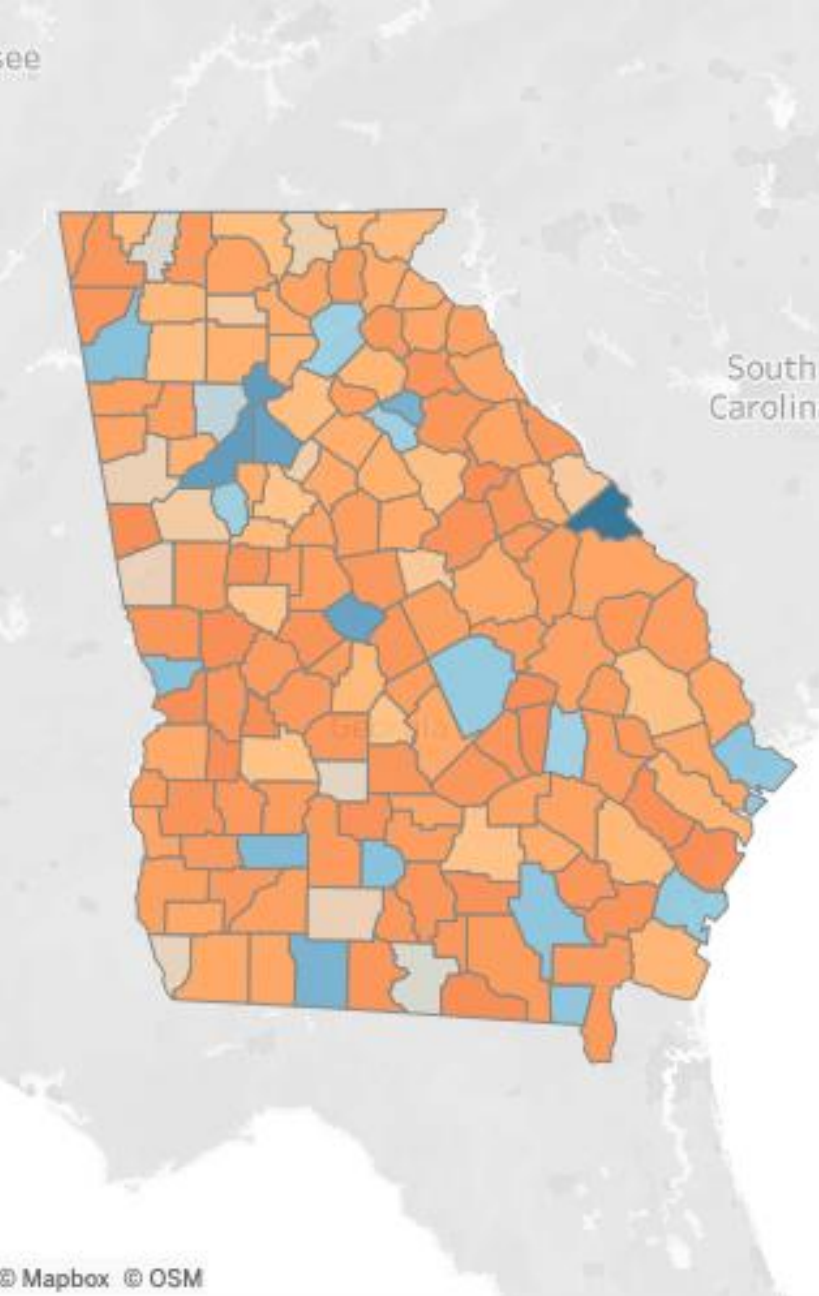
Active Residents by Academic Year, 2014-2015 to 2023-2024

Number of Active Residents by Academic Year, 2014-2015 to 2023-2024



State Comparison of Residency Positions

State	# GME programs	% of all U.S. programs	Programs per 100k population	Residents per 100k population	Total residents
Georgia	262	2.0	2.38	31.24	3445
S. Carolina	171	1.3	3.18	38.56	2072
Florida	759	5.7	3.36	39.46	8922
Tennessee	256	1.9	3.59	40.48	2885
N. Carolina	391	2.9	3.61	40.57	4396
Alabama	158	1.2	3.09	37.98	1940
Mississippi	90	0.7	3.06	35.65	1048
Kentucky	158	1.2	3.49	36.45	1650
Michigan	604	4.5	6.02	76.73	7702
Ohio	670	5.0	5.68	67.43	7947
Illinois	568	4.2	4.53	58.19	7303



Physician Workforce and Retention

- Georgia ranks 40th in the nation for total active patient care physicians per 100k population.
- Percentage of physicians retained in GA – **ranks 17th in the nation**
 - From UME – 43.4%
 - From GME – 49.1%
 - From UME & GME combined – 73.1%
- For all active physicians in Georgia, 35% completed GME in state.

Physician Shortages Across Georgia

According to the 2021-2022 Georgia Board for Healthcare Workforce (GBHCW) data, Georgia has:

- 27,750 total physicians
- 10 counties with no physician
- 17 counties with no family medicine physician
- 37 counties with no internal medicine physician
- 64 counties with no pediatric physician
- 73 counties with no emergency medicine physician
- 82 counties with no OB/GYN physician
- 94 counties with no psychiatrist

Georgia's Residency Position Shortage

- GME expansion effort launched in 2010—GREAT Committee
- Georgia ranked:
 - **40th** in number of physicians per capita.
 - **41st** in number of resident physicians per capita.
- To meet the national average, Georgia would need to add **1456** GME positions.
- To reach the Southeast average, Georgia would have to add **357** residency positions.
- More than two-thirds of GME positions are in Atlanta and Augusta (Emory and MCG).

	Total residents	Residents per 100k population	U.S. rank
U.S.	110,692	36.6	
SE avg.		25.4	
TN	2169	35.4	17th
NC	2952	31.7	18th
AL	1198	26.8	25th
SC	1157	25.4	33rd
GA	1982	20.0	41st
FL	3512	19.0	42nd

GA Residency Position Shortage, 2010 vs. 2020

	Total residents Dec 2010	Total residents Dec 2020	Percent increase	Rate per 100k population 2010	Rate per 100k population 2020	U.S. rank 2010	U.S. rank 2020	Rate per capita change '10 vs. '20
U.S.	110,692	143,840	30%	35.8	43.8			+8.0
SE avg.				25.8	33.8			+8.0
TN	2169	2666	22.9%	34.2	39.0	17	18	+4.8
NC	2952	3971	34.5%	31.2	37.9	18	19	+6.7
AL	1198	1613	34.6%	25.3	32.9	29	25	+7.6
SC	1157	1588	37.2%	25.2	30.8	30	32	+5.6
GA	1982	2978	50.2%	20.0	31.1 (2023)	41	31	+11.1
FL	3512	7341	109%	18.8	34.2	42	23	+15.4

Other Health Care Shortages Across Georgia

According to the most recent data (per respective field), Georgia has:

- 154,505 nurses
 - GA has the third lowest nurse-to-state population in the country (AJC, 2024)
 - Projected to need additional 13k+ nurses by 2030
- 4,484 physician assistants (42 counties without one)
- 5,212 dentists (22 counties without one)
 - GA ranks in the 20th percentile in dentists per capita
- 6,194 dental hygienists (22 counties without one)

UGA School of Medicine

- AU/UGA Medical Partnership was founded in 2010 in Athens
 - 60 students graduating/year (240 total students)
- Georgia faces significant challenges in addressing healthcare needs of its citizens.
- There's a growing physician shortage in the U.S.; it's the worst in the South.
- GA ranks 8th in the nation in population, but 40th in the nation for the number of active patient care physicians per capita.



To **educate** excellent physicians,
to **pursue** new knowledge, and
to **advance** the health of our
communities in Georgia and beyond.

Mission of the UGA School of Medicine



UGA is the ninth-highest producer of medical school applicants in the U.S.



UGA currently receives the highest amount of funding from the NIH among public universities in the U.S. without a medical school.



The new SoM will position UGA as one of only 13 higher education institutions with full-scale One Health (plant, animal, and human) research operations.

Feb 2024
Unanimous
approval by
USG BOR to
seek LCME
accreditation

Nov 2024
Submitted
LCME
application

**Fall 2025 or
Spring 2026**
Receive
LCME
preliminary
accreditation

Dec 2026
New medical
education
and research
building
completed

Mar 2024
Dr. Shelley
Nuss named
Founding
Dean

**Summer
2025**
LCME site
visit

Aug 2026
First class of
UGA SOM
medical
students
start classes

School of Medicine Timeline

Transition Timeline to UGA SOM

		AY25	AY26	AY27	AY28	AY29	AY30	AY31	AY32
KEY MCG students UGA students	M1	60	60	60	64	72	80	88	104
	M2	60	60	60	60	64	72	80	88
	M3	60	60	60	60	60	64	72	80
	M4	60	60	60	60	60	60	64	72
	Total Students	240	240	240	244	256	276	304	344
				3 YEARS OF OVERLAP					

Thank you!

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INTRODUCING

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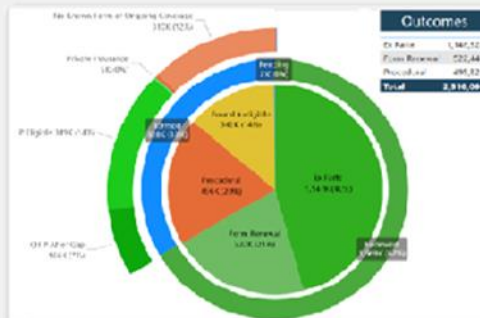
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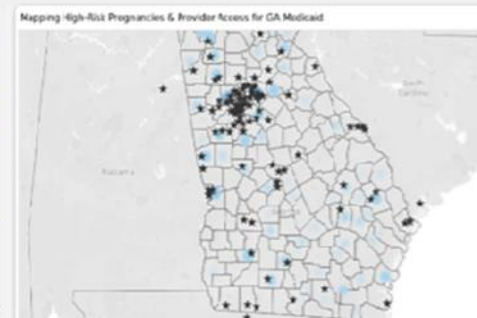


Medicaid Redeterminations

Outcomes	
Enrollment	1,145,183
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Total	2,914,065



Georgia Families Quality Performance Dashboard



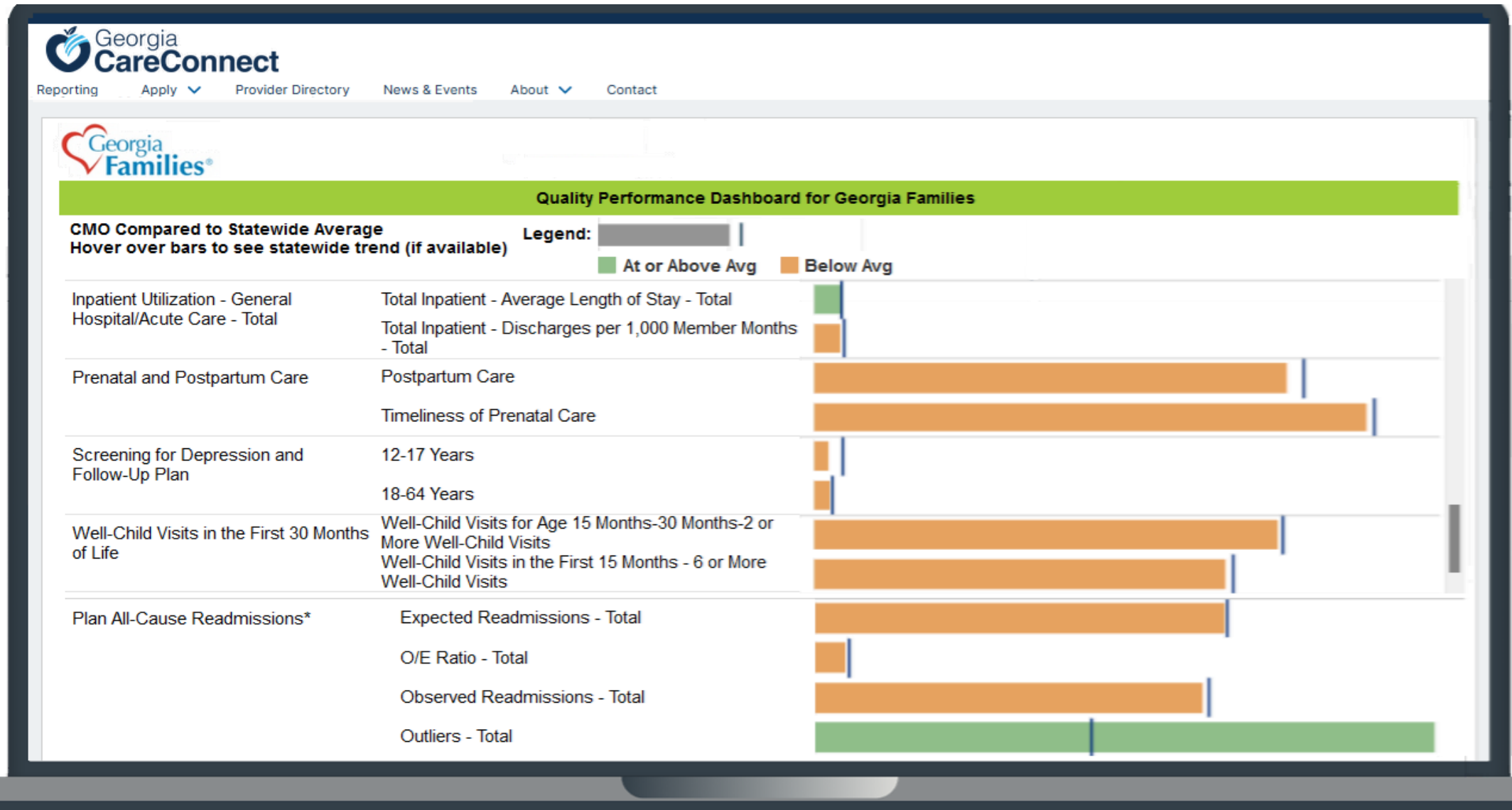
Mapping High-Risk Pregnancies & Provider Access for GA Medicaid...



Graduate Medical Education Payments

Public Experience

Performance Management



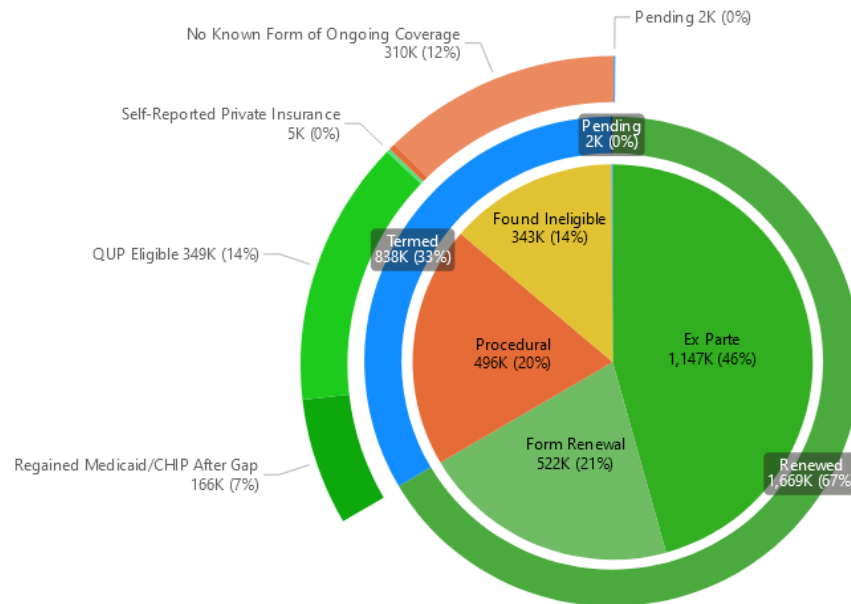
Public Experience

Redetermination



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2023-2024 Medicaid Redetermination Information



Redetermination Outcomes

Ex Parte	45.693%	1,146,924
Form Renewal	20.814%	522,445
Procedural	19.753%	495,825
Found Ineligible	13.647%	342,549
Pending	0.093%	2,323
Total		2,510,066

Thank You!





Georgia Hospital Association

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Georgia's Hospital System: By the Numbers



1.09 million Inpatient
Admissions

4.72 million Emergency
Department Visits

124,033 Births

1.33 million Uninsured

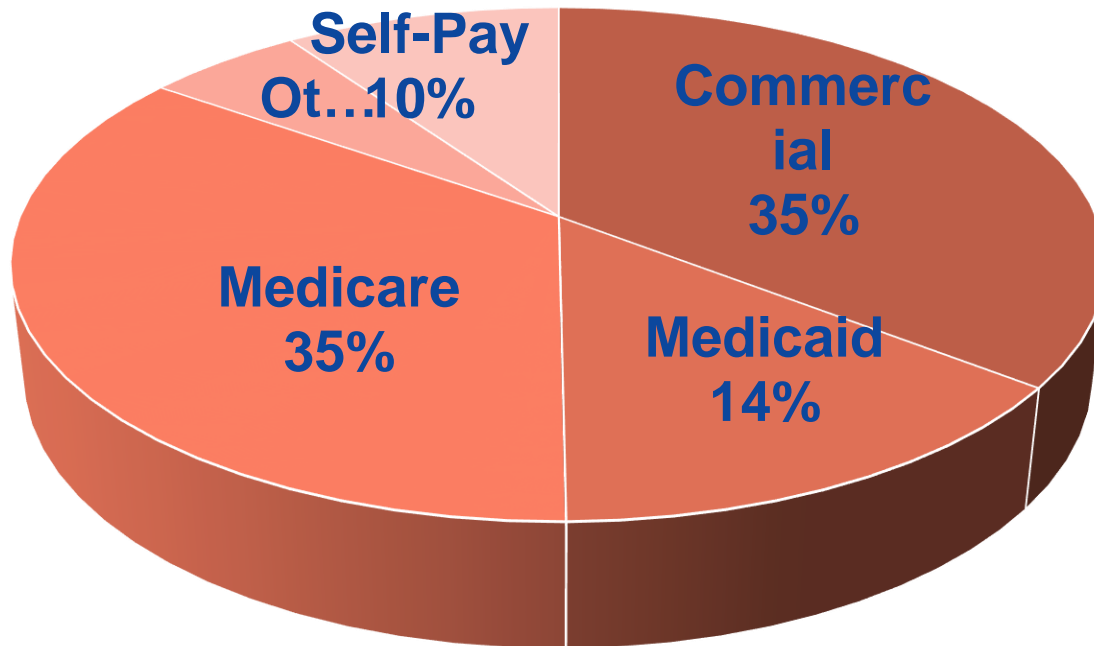
\$2.71 billion in Uncompensated
Care

158,120 FTEs

\$122 billion Economic Impact

Sources of Patient Revenue

SFY 2024 Hospital Patients
by Payer Source



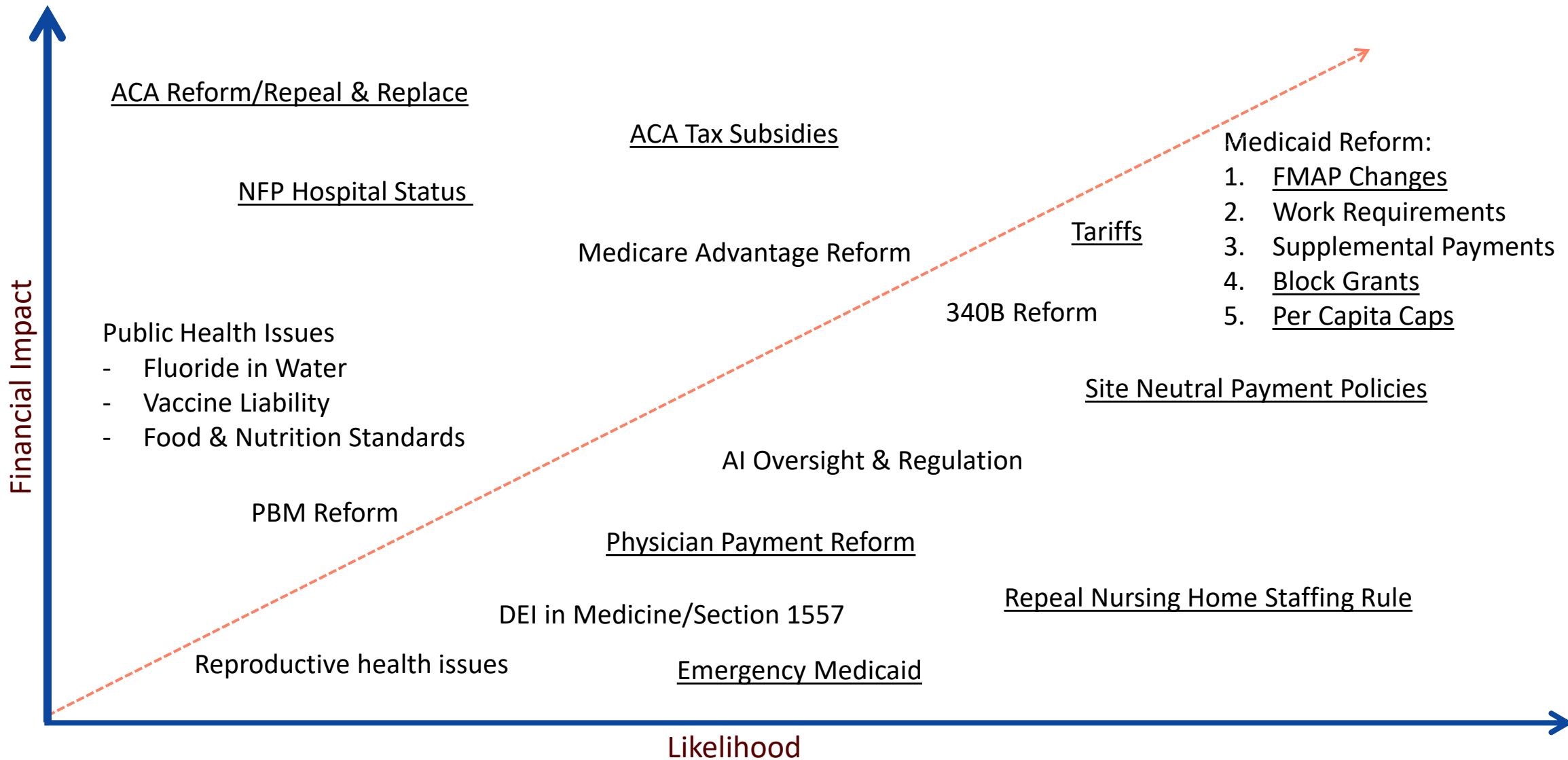
- Hospital charges are the same for all patients
- Payment received for service varies by payer
- Three categories of payer:
 - *Government*
 - *Medicaid*
 - *Medicare*
 - *Other Governmental*
 - *Private (Commercial)*
 - *Self-Pay*

Updates:

Federal Healthcare
Landscape

Comprehensive Health
Coverage Commission





ACA Enhanced Subsidies

During COVID PHE, Congress expanded eligibility for subsidies on ACA Marketplace/exchange plans

- Premiums capped at 8.5% of household income through 2025 under ARPA (ACA limits eligibility to 400% FPL)

Over 1.2 Million Georgians receiving subsidies

- Over 54%, or 709,000 with incomes between 100-138% of FPL

\$658,617,696 – Value of subsidies in Georgia

ACA Enhanced Subsidies: Impact of Expiration

Set to Expire December 31, 2025

336,000 – Projected increase in number of uninsured Georgians

85% projected increase in premiums, up to \$1152 from \$628

\$335B – estimated cost to extend by 10 years

Timing is important

What's at Stake/Possible for Medicaid in Georgia

Medicaid Supplemental Payments/DPPs: \$2+B

Provider Fee Use: \$550M State Budget Impact

Medicaid DSH Cuts: \$230M cuts

New waiver opportunities

Georgia's Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission

Created by HB 1339 during 2023 session to advise on issues related to quality and access of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured population:

Opportunities related to reimbursement and funding for Georgia healthcare providers, including premium assistance programs

Opportunities related to quality improvement of healthcare for Georgia's low-income and uninsured populations

Opportunities to enhance service delivery and coordination of healthcare among and across state agencies



Commission's final report due December 2026

Georgia's Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Phase 1: Increasing coverage options for uninsured/low-income Georgians

- Perform an analysis of existing or new ideas and opportunities to increase coverage options for low-income and uninsured Georgians and enhanced reimbursement rates for providers
- Define the impact – financial and health outcomes – that the proposed ideas and opportunities may have on the Medicaid program, state budget, providers, and Medicaid beneficiaries and low-income Georgians

Phase 2: Quality improvement and service delivery and coordination

- Conduct an environmental scan of the current system to assess and understand the interactions that Medicaid beneficiaries encounter with and across state health agencies
- Based on the findings from the environmental scan, identify opportunities for improvement

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Georgia's Comprehensive Health Coverage Commission

Commission Members initially noted several opportunities for further exploration, including:

Administrative simplifications: Continuous enrollment for kids birth to age 6

Expand Planning for Health Babies Waiver – Include mothers of Low Birth Weight Babies, instead of just Very Low Birth Weight

Provide coverage to Georgians with HIV, before progression to AIDS

Improvements to Georgia Pathways upon renewal – Yearly reporting of Qualifying Activities

Conduct additional rate studies to inform rate changes

Examine opportunities to expand Georgia's Healthcare Workforce

Study options to incent both provider and participants



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