

Public Policy Update

MGMA Presentation
May 19, 2016

Be treated well. 

Federal Policy Issues

- New Payment Models are *Slowly* Arriving!





SGR Repealed and Replaced with MACRA: Change Medicare Physician Payments “QPP”

- “Transition period” where the payment structure remains as it is today over next three years
- 2019: Physicians elect to remain in fee-for-service subject to a new value-based regime (“MIPS”) or transition their practice toward risk-based models (“Alternative Payment Models”)
- Medicare financial incentives for physicians are largely tied to the risk-based model track



State Policy Issues

Insure TN (Medicaid Expansion)– Why House Leadership Opposed?

- TennCare eligible numbers increased from 200,000 to 400,000
- Distrust of Congress on Federal matching (90%/10%)
- Co-pays were problematic under Medicaid law
- Unpopularity of the President with Republicans

***Conclusion:** Only General Assembly can resurrect *

3 – Start Healthy Project

- TN House of Representatives newly formed task force

Tennesseans for a Responsible Future (TRF)

- Spin off of THA to promote affordable health insurance reform



Political Scene

Bloomberg Political Poll

- 72% of Americans think their country isn't as great as it once was.
- More than one third prefer a presidential candidate WITHOUT experience in public office.
- 66% of Americans say the nation is headed in the wrong direction

Recurring theme: We Want Change!

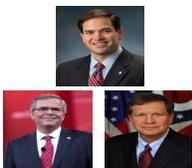


The Road the Presidency



In the Beginning...

Establishment Lane



Outsider Lane



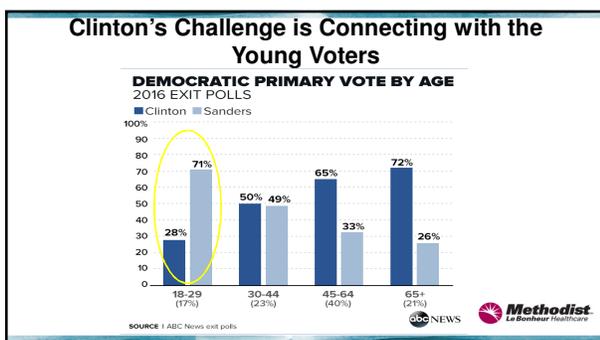
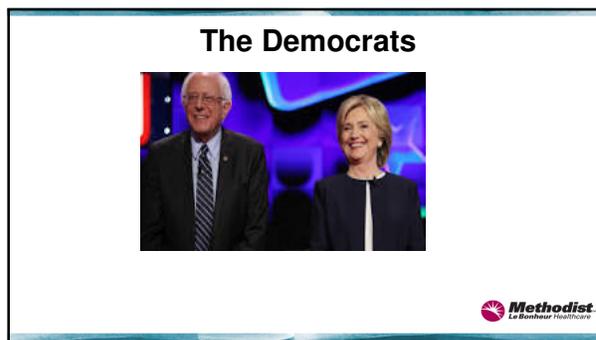
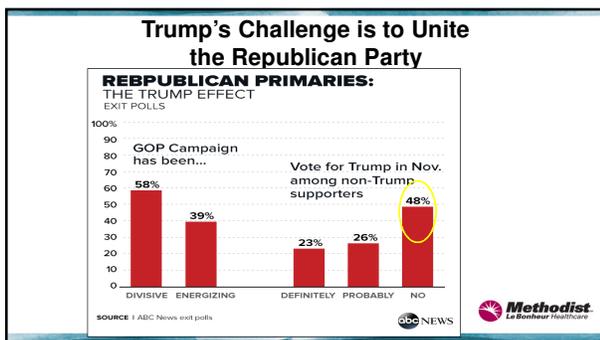
Evangelical/Insurgent Lane



Political Scene of Today

- The angry voter
- The Trump and Sanders appeal
- NBC/Wall Street poll:
 - 44% angry at the political system
 - 28% are anxious and uncertain about the economy
 - 20% feel neither or no longer care
- 2016 election will be much different than any other





- ### Memphis Demographics
- Living below the poverty line:
 - 29.8% in Memphis vs. 15.5% in U.S.
 - 47% of Memphis children vs. 21% U.S. children
 - 40,000 SCS students come from families that earn less than \$10,000 a year
 - #1 in the country for displaced young people
 - Third from the bottom in per capita income
 - 82% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch

So What?

- Why it Matters
- Do we help make a Difference?

Q&A Session?