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# FLORIDA

- **Good News**
- **Bad News**

# Good News: Desirable place to live



# Good News

- **Positive business climate**
- **Growing state**
- **In healthcare, well-known reputation for innovation, particularly as manifested in our State's Agency for Health Care Administration**

# Bad News:

- **We are poorly ranked nationwide:**
  - **Overall healthcare delivery—6<sup>th</sup> from the worst (along with Texas, New Mexico, California and Louisiana).**
  - **Nearing 3 million uninsured Floridians**
  - **40<sup>th</sup> in access to care**
  - **39<sup>th</sup> in quality of care**

# Health Insurance Matters

In Relative Terms...



# Understanding Florida's Uninsured

- **FHIS 1999 and 2004**
- **Miami-Dade County HIS in 2003**

# **In General the Uninsured Are:**

- **Minorities (especially Hispanics)**
- **Relatively low-wage workers**
- **Seasonal workers**
- **Part-time workers**
- **Younger workers**
- **Employed in smaller firms**



# Florida Medicaid

- **Medicaid covers 17% of Florida's population**  
(2,867,200 Floridians - 2004, Kaiser Family Foundation)
- **Over 1.4 million low-income children, or 39% of Florida's children, are enrolled in Medicaid**
- **Half of all births in Florida are covered by Medicaid**

# Florida Medicaid

- **Serves**
  - **51.2% of all deliveries**
  - **63% of nursing home days**
  - **903,000 adults – parents, aged and disabled**

# Florida Medicaid Reform Principles

- **Patient responsibility and empowerment**
- **Marketplace decisions**
- **Bridging public and private coverage**
- **Sustainable growth rate**

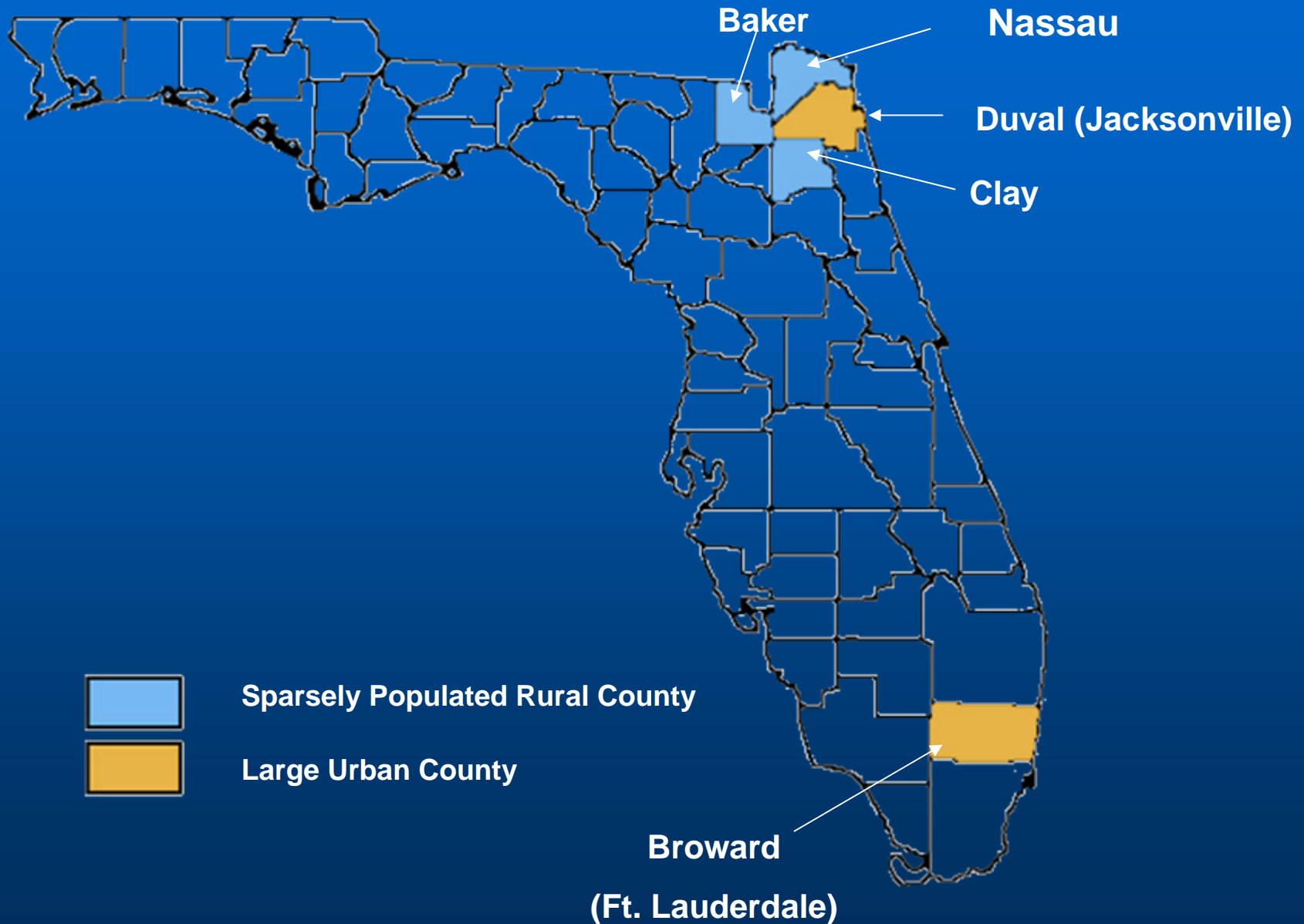
# What's New?

- **More Choices for Beneficiaries**
  - HMOs and PSNs
  - Customized benefit packages
  - Opt-out to employer-sponsored plans
- **Choice Counseling**
- **Enhanced Benefit Accounts**
- **Risk-adjusted Rates**
- **Low-income Pool**

# Medicaid Reform

- **Increased role for managed care**
- **Greater focus on enrollee choice**
- **Designed to bridge public and private sectors**
- **Medicaid to look and feel more like private insurance and medical care in the private sector**

# Medicaid Reform Counties



**In conclusion . . .**