Advocacy Coalitions:

- LGBT / New Beginning Initiative (NBI)
- Aging / Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO)
What is the Older Americans Act?

- Political context
- Purpose
- How it works
What can the Older Americans Act do for LGBT Elders? Some examples...

- The SAGE Center
- The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging
What are SAGE’s Older Americans Act Priorities?

- Greatest Social Need
- Codification of the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging
- Data Collection
The Road Ahead:

- Gridlock
- Hopes for this year
- SAGE’s next steps
Context: LGBT Health Disparities

- Disproportionately uninsured
- Lack of cultural competence
- Higher rates of chronic disease
- IOM Report: need more data
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New Coverage Options:

• Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plans
• Keep kids on plan
• Expanded Medicaid
• Insurance Exchanges
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New Patient Protections:
• Pre-Existing conditions
• Mistakes okay
• Ends lifetime limits
• Healthcare.gov
• No dropping for getting sick
• Preventative care covered
Other Benefits:

• Evidenced-based interventions
• Small business tax credits
• HIV/AIDS
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LGBT Specific:
- Healthcare.gov
- Community health centers/cultural competency
- Exchange non-discrimination
- §1557 health system non-discrimination
- §4302 data collection

* Sources: Kellan Baker (CAP) and HHS
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Resources:
• www.iom.edu/lgbthealth
• Healthcare.gov
• Kaiser Family Foundation
• Top 10 Things Health Reform Does for Gay and Transgender Americans (CAP)
• Changing the Game: What Health Care Reform Means for GLBT Americans (CAP/Nat’l Coalition for LGBT Health)
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Cultural Competency:

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