


The Year of Living Dangerously

(a.k.a., Health Reform in 2009)

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*Every physician matters,
every patient counts.*



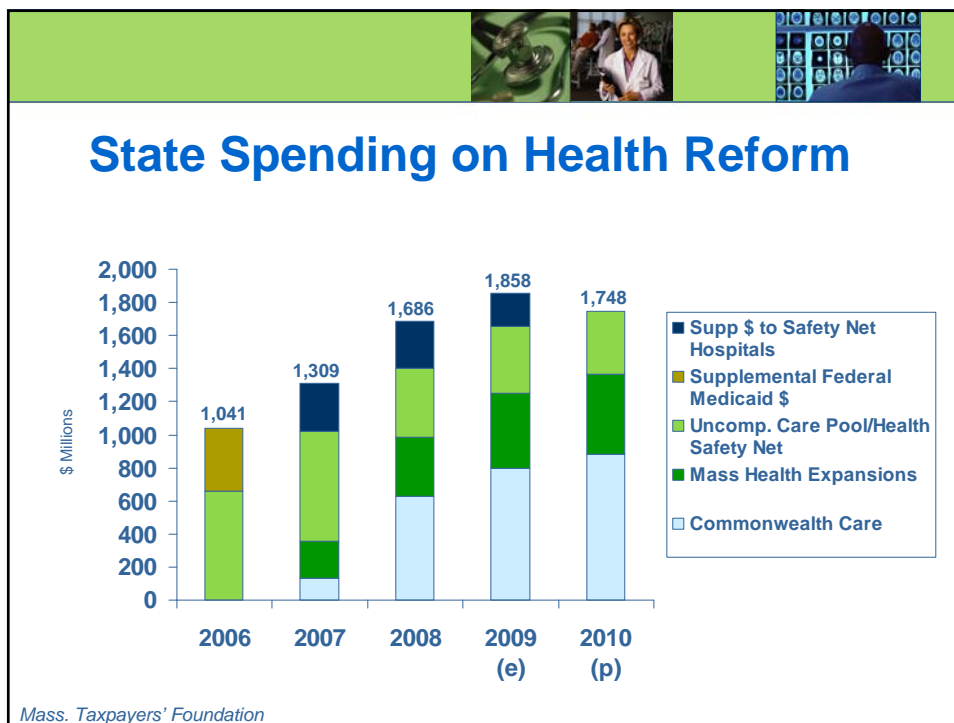
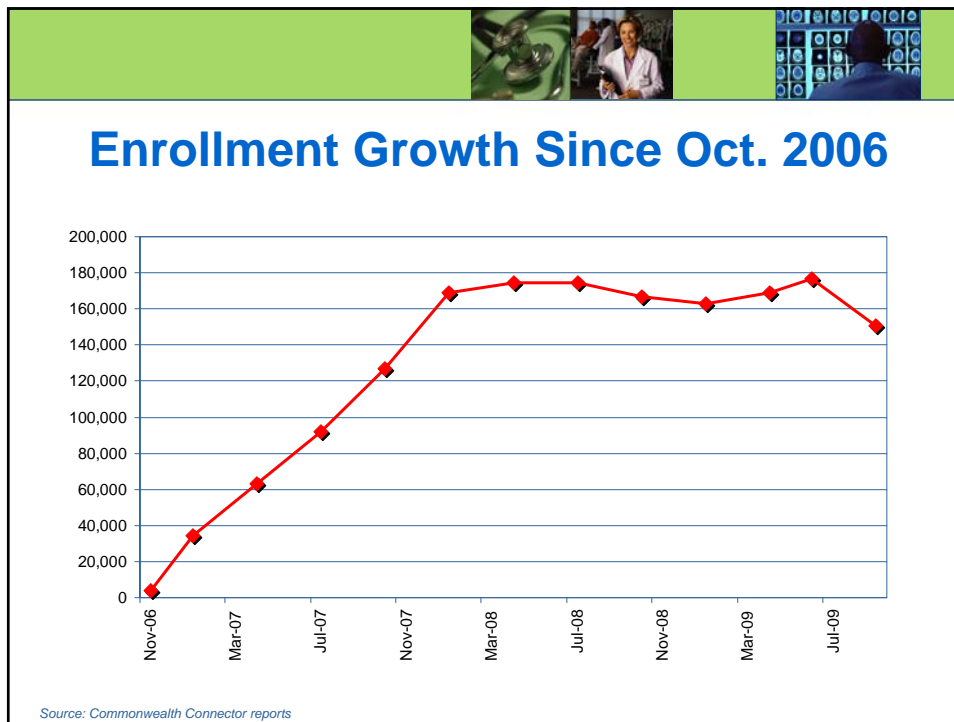
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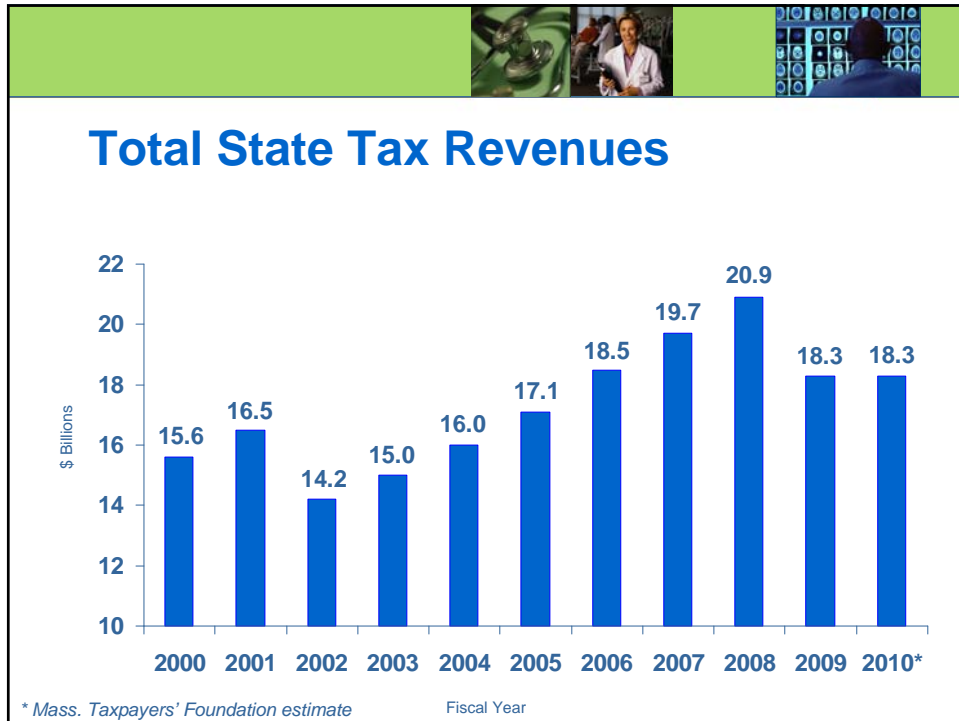


Bill Signing: April 2006



First Enrollee: October 2006





Payment Reform Commission



- **Section 44, Chapter 305 of M.G.L.**
“ . . . investigate reforming and restructuring the system to provide **incentives for efficient and effective patient-centered care** and to reduce variations in quality and cost of care.”



Recommendations

- Develop Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to accept annual global payments for their providers
- Participation by private and public payers
- Patient-centered care and adoption of medical homes
- Patient choice
- Common core performance measures and cost and quality transparency
- Appropriately balanced sharing of financial risk between ACOs and insurers
- Strong and consistent risk-adjustment



Next Stop: The Legislature

- First hearing held on October 8
- Physicians and hospitals urge careful, deliberate consideration
- State and local budget crises add urgency
- Business groups and other private purchasers eager to see rapid action

