## State Responses to Increased

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## Medicaid as Percentage of State General Fund

- Education is still the largest general fund expenditure in most states
- Expenditures on Medicaid Vary
$\square$ Average 18\% (2002)
$\square$ High 29\% in Tennessee (2002)
$\square$ Low 9\% in New Hampshire (2002)

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, Statehealthfacts.org, Medicaid Enrollment as a Percent of Total Population, 2002

## State Response to Enrollment Increases/Budget Pressures

- No one recipe
- Generally everything is on the table
- Goal = Get the right mix


## Response to Budget Pressures Medicaid Changes

■ Medicaid Services
$\square$ Provider Reimbursement
$\square$ Benefits/Services
$\square$ Eligibility

- Medicaid Administration
$\square$ Presumptive Eligibility
$\square$ Streamlined/Simplified Applications
$\square$ Eligibility Reforms


## Medicaid Services

- Eligibility
$\square$ Mandatory/Optional
- Benefits/Services
$\square$ Mandatory/Optional
- Provider Reimbursement
$\square$ Mandatory Guidelines
$\square$ Market Forces


## Cost Containment Initiatives




Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, Statehealthfacts.org, Medicaid Cost Containment Actions Taken by States, FY2005; Medicaid Cost Containment Actions Taken by States, FY2006

