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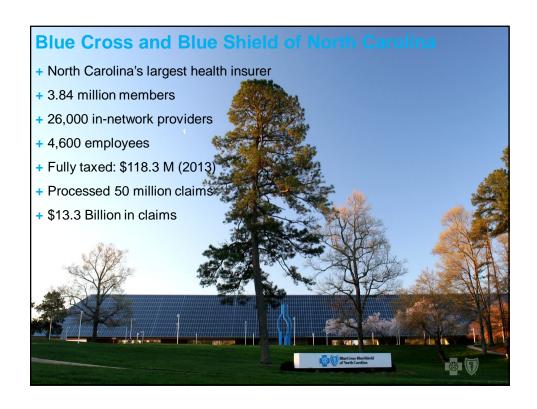
Overview of the Impact of the ACA March 18, 2014

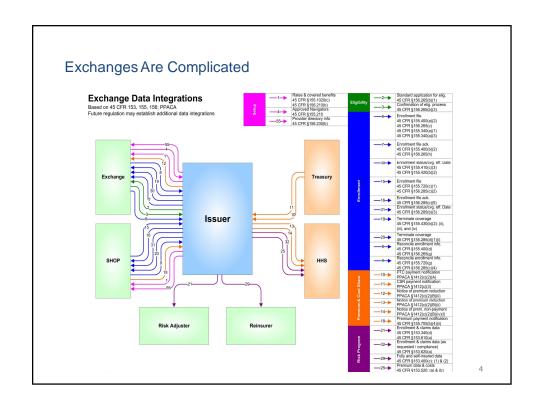
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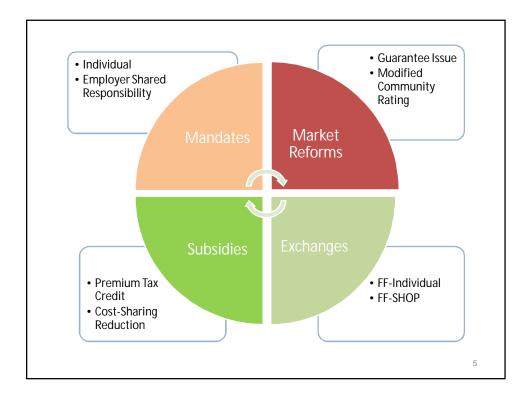
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# **Premium Impacts**

## Factors driving future rates

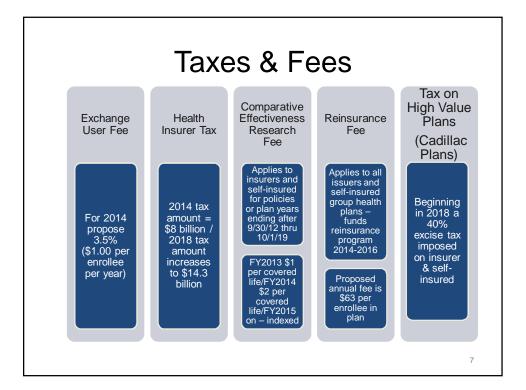
- · Rating Changes
- Adverse Selection
- Essential Health Benefits
- New Taxes/Fees

#### Subsidies do not lower the cost of premiums...

- ...any more than Pell Grants reduce the cost of college tuition
- Not everyone will be eligible for subsidies

Many individuals who receive subsidies will still pay more for their premiums than they do today

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### **Grandfathered Status**

"Keep the plan you're on" ... so long as:

- Plan was in effect on 3/23/10 and
- Does not significantly cut benefits or increase out-of-pocket spending for consumers

All health plans – including grandfathered plans – required to provide certain benefits starting on 9/23/10:

- No lifetime limits
- No rescissions
- · Extension of parents' coverage to young adults under 26 years old

#### Grandmothered: Early Renewal Option for Individuals

• 11/14/13 - President Obama announced people should be able to keep their current coverage for one year

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