

# IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF UTAH'S FAMILIES

A Demonstrated Need For Expanding Family  
Planning Coverage

# Utah's experience

- ~650,000 women of reproductive age in Utah
  - ~212,250 Utah women in need of publicly funded family planning services
- Utah Medicaid funded **1:3** births in the state
- Medicaid largely unavailable for non-pregnant, childless adults
  - Many of these women go on Medicaid when they do become pregnant

## A Woman's Reproductive Years



# What is LARC?

- Long-acting reversible contraception (LARC)
  - Intrauterine Devices (IUD)
  - Contraceptive Implants
- Designed for extended use (5 years -12 years)
- **20X more effective than birth control pills**
- Can cost up to \$1,200 out-of-pocket

Hormonal IUD



Non-hormonal IUD

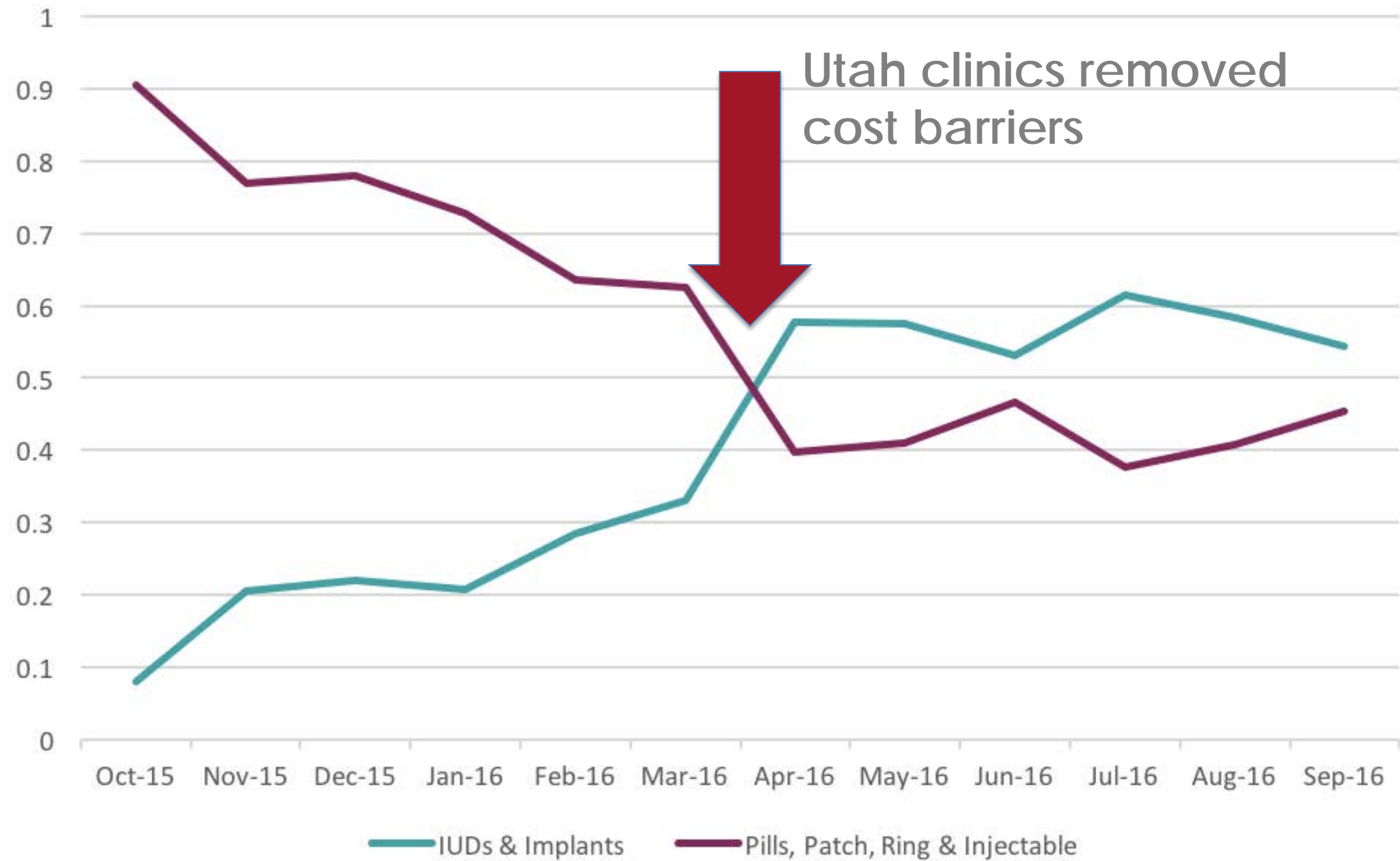


Implant



**This interest in LARC provides a unique health opportunity**

# Local Demonstration



# Demonstration in Colorado

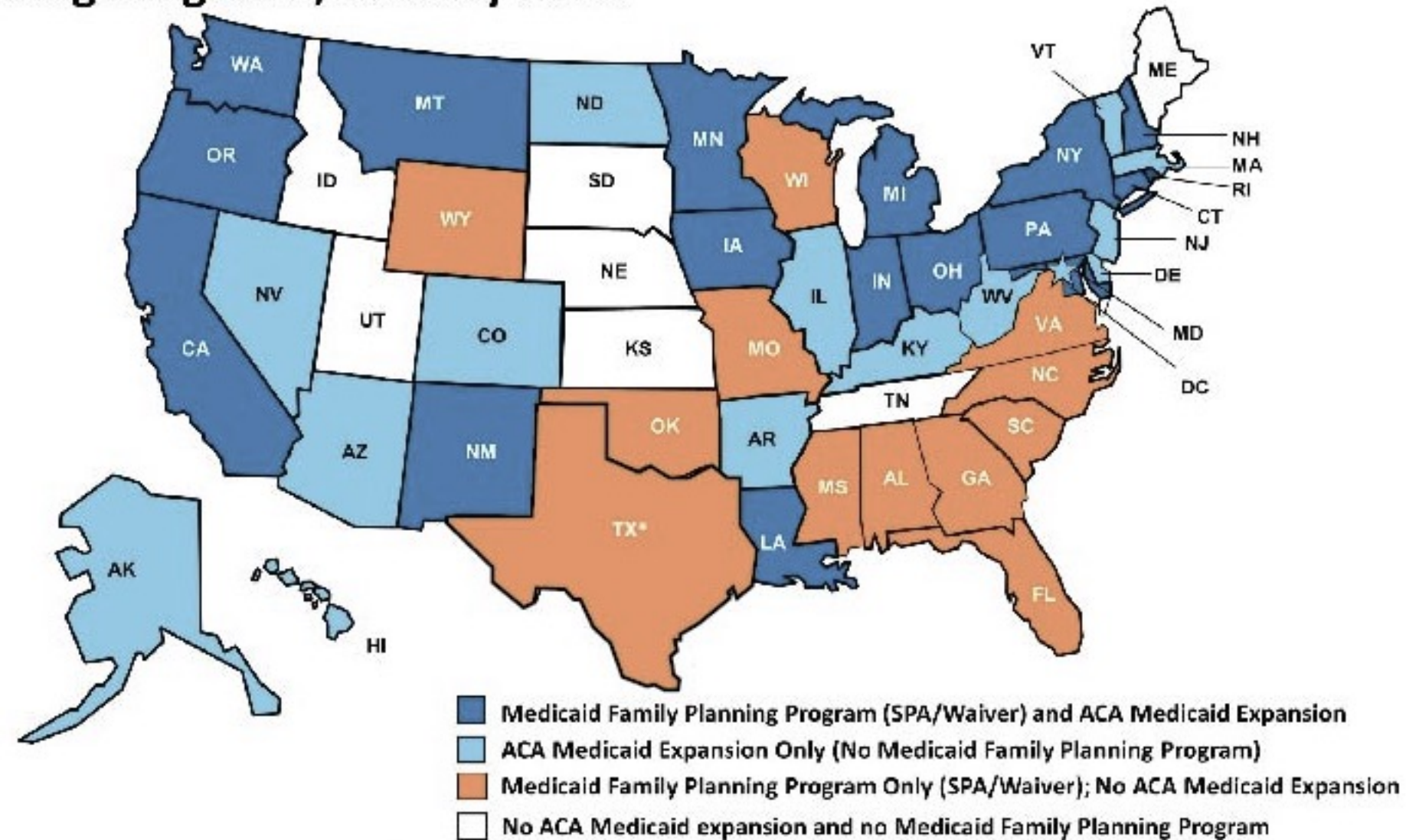
- Medicaid avoided ~\$79 million (5-years)
- High-risk births declined by 24%
- Abortion rates fell:
  - 34% among 15-19-year-olds
  - 18% among 20-24-year-olds
- Infant enrollment in WIC declined 25%



# Medicaid Expansion & Medicaid Family Planning

## State Decisions on ACA Medicaid Expansion and Medicaid Family Planning Programs, January 2016

Utah is 1 of 7 states without expanded family planning coverage



# Family Planning State Plan Amendment (SPA)

- Income-based eligibility
  - Services qualify for a 90% federal match
  - Maximizes flexibility
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- Improved birth outcomes
  - Reduced abortions



# Expanding coverage to 8,000\* Utahns could prevent:

- 2,000 unintended pregnancies
- 990 unplanned births covered by Medicaid
- 680 abortions

\$10,211,120 maternal & birth costs saved  
+\$327,050 miscarriage and ectopic cost saved  
-\$935,500 family planning SPA cost\*  
**\$9,602,670 Net Savings**



\*estimated coverage & cost <100% FPL proposed with 2017 building block



# Families Win

- Increased postsecondary education
- Improved employment rates
- Increased earning
- More enduring marriages
- Breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty



# Taxpayers and State Budgetary Win

- \$7.09 saved for every public \$1 spent
- Budget neutrality anticipated after 2 years



# Pro-Family Planning

- Prioritize a Medicaid Family Planning Waiver/SPA
- Support legislation that removes barriers to LARC (IUDs and Implants)
- Ensure coverage of all FDA approved contraceptive methods

# Women's Stories

"Financially it would be hard. My husband is in school and plans on finishing his bachelors before the next baby arrives."

