



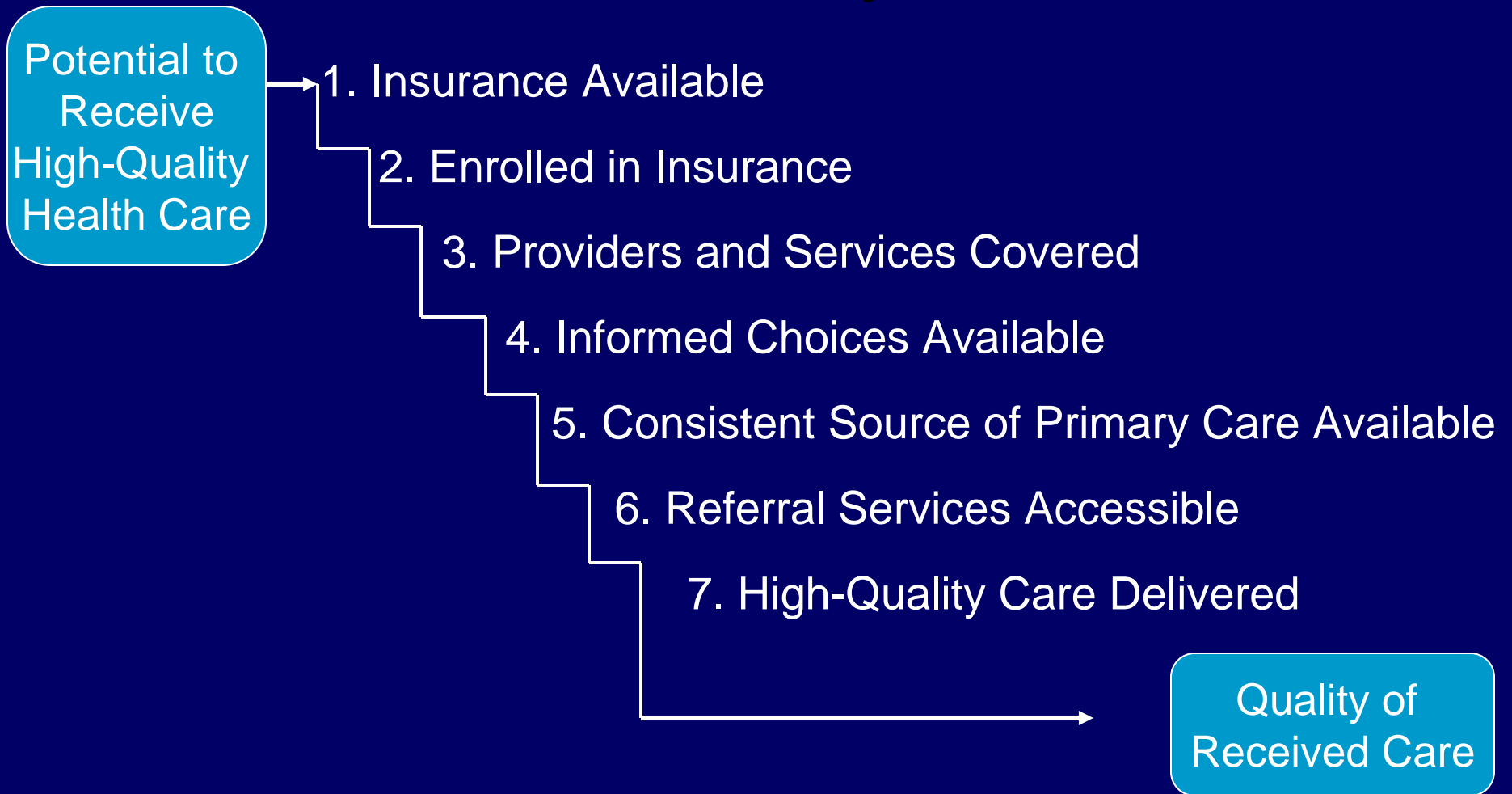
# **Access to Appropriate Healthcare**

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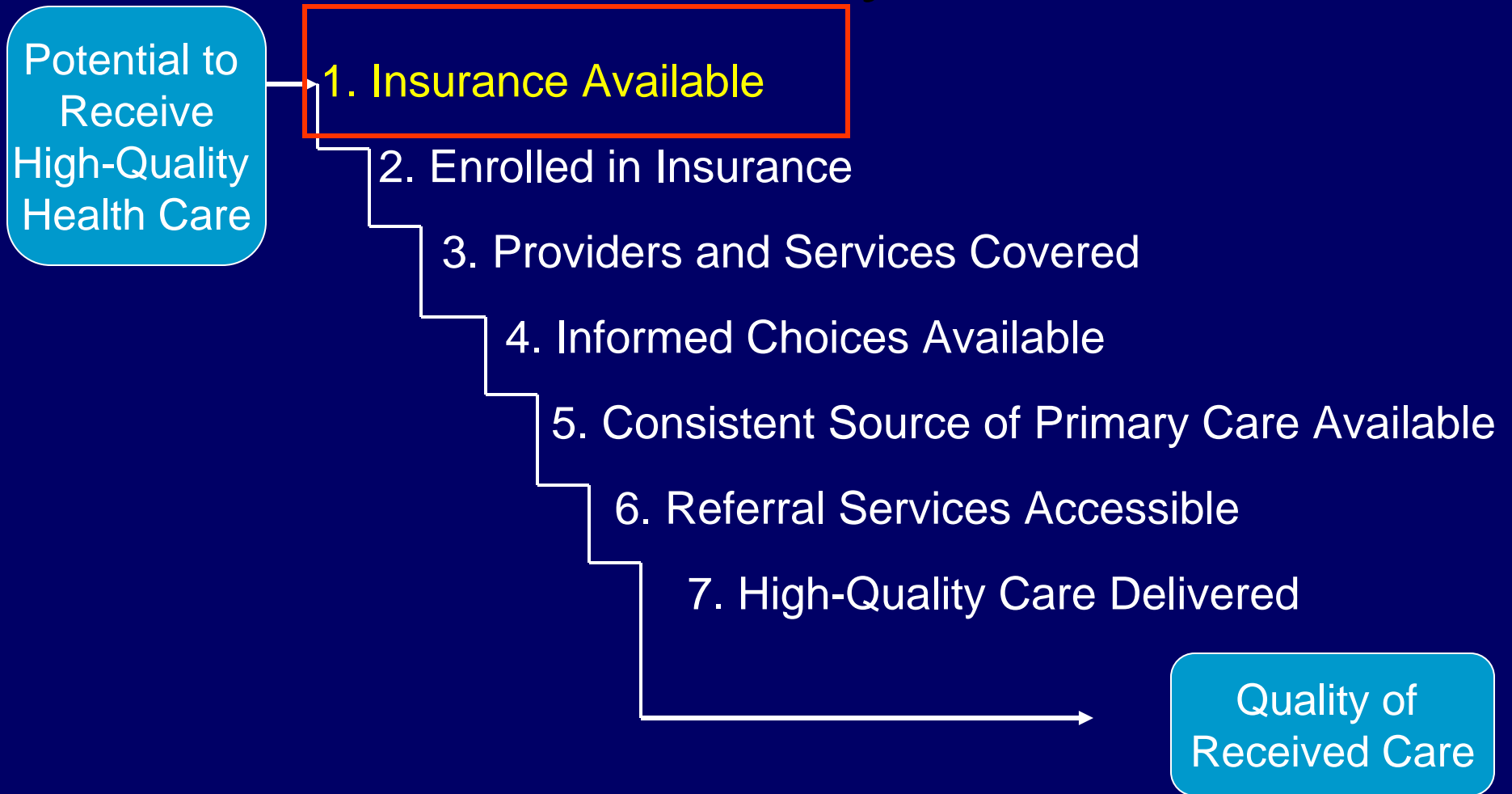
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# A Paper by Bob Haggerty: 1975

## *“After National Health Insurance, What?”*

Opening sentence:

“Now that some form of National Health Insurance seems imminent, there will be a number of problems that providing universal health insurance to ensure access to health care will not solve.”

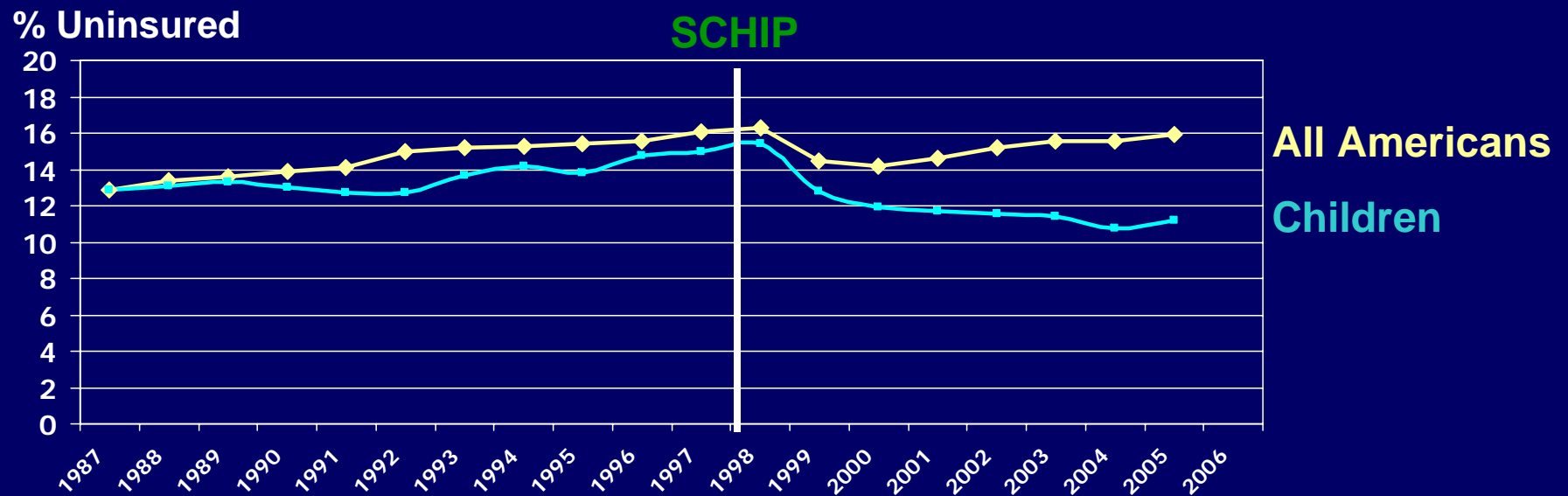
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# Impact of Health Insurance (SCHIP) On the Health of Children

- Improves receipt of care
  - Preventive, acute, chronic, specialty
  - Receipt of medications
- Reduces unmet needs for care
- Improves quality of care
  - Among children in general
  - Among children with special needs (chronic conditions)
- Improves some outcome measures
  - For healthy children and those with chronic conditions
- Reduces some disparities in healthcare

# SCHIP: The good news

- 4 million children enrolled
- SCHIP works
- Increased focus on children
- Unanimity among child organizations on health insurance
- Research + advocacy does have some impact



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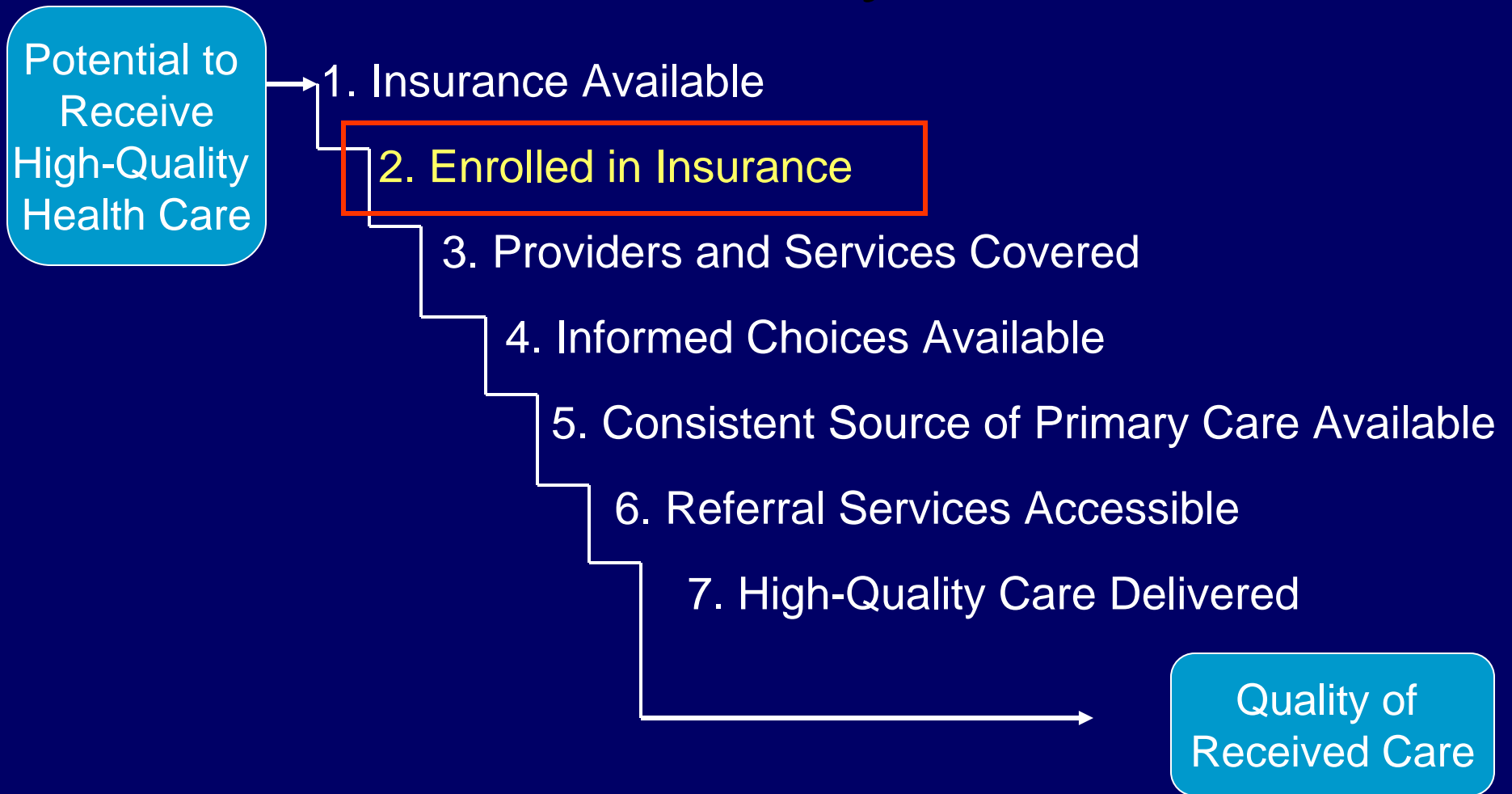
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FOPO calls upon the members of the US Congress to enact legislation that will ensure that all children and adolescents living in the US are provided broad and adequate health insurance coverage, thereby improving our children's and nation's health outcomes.

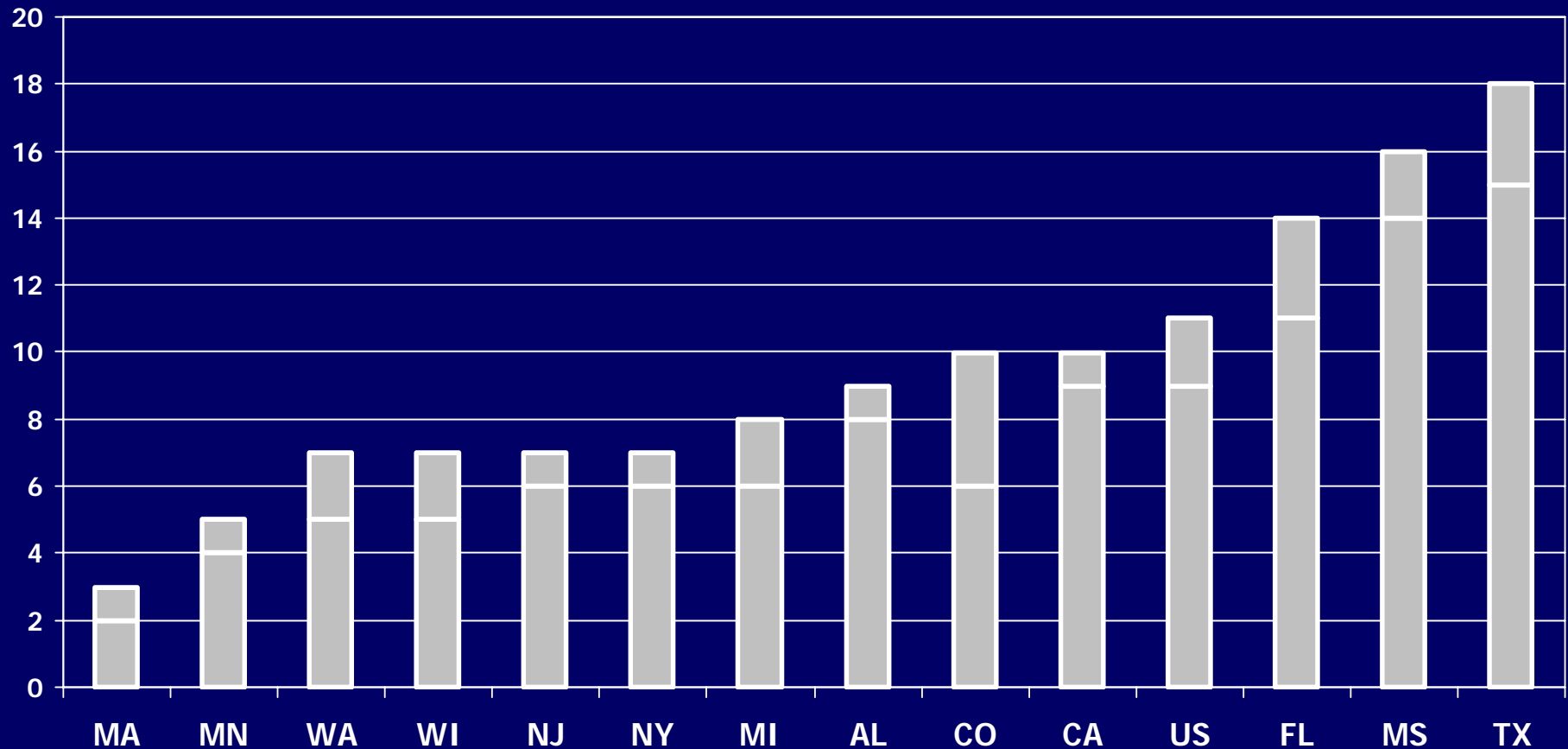
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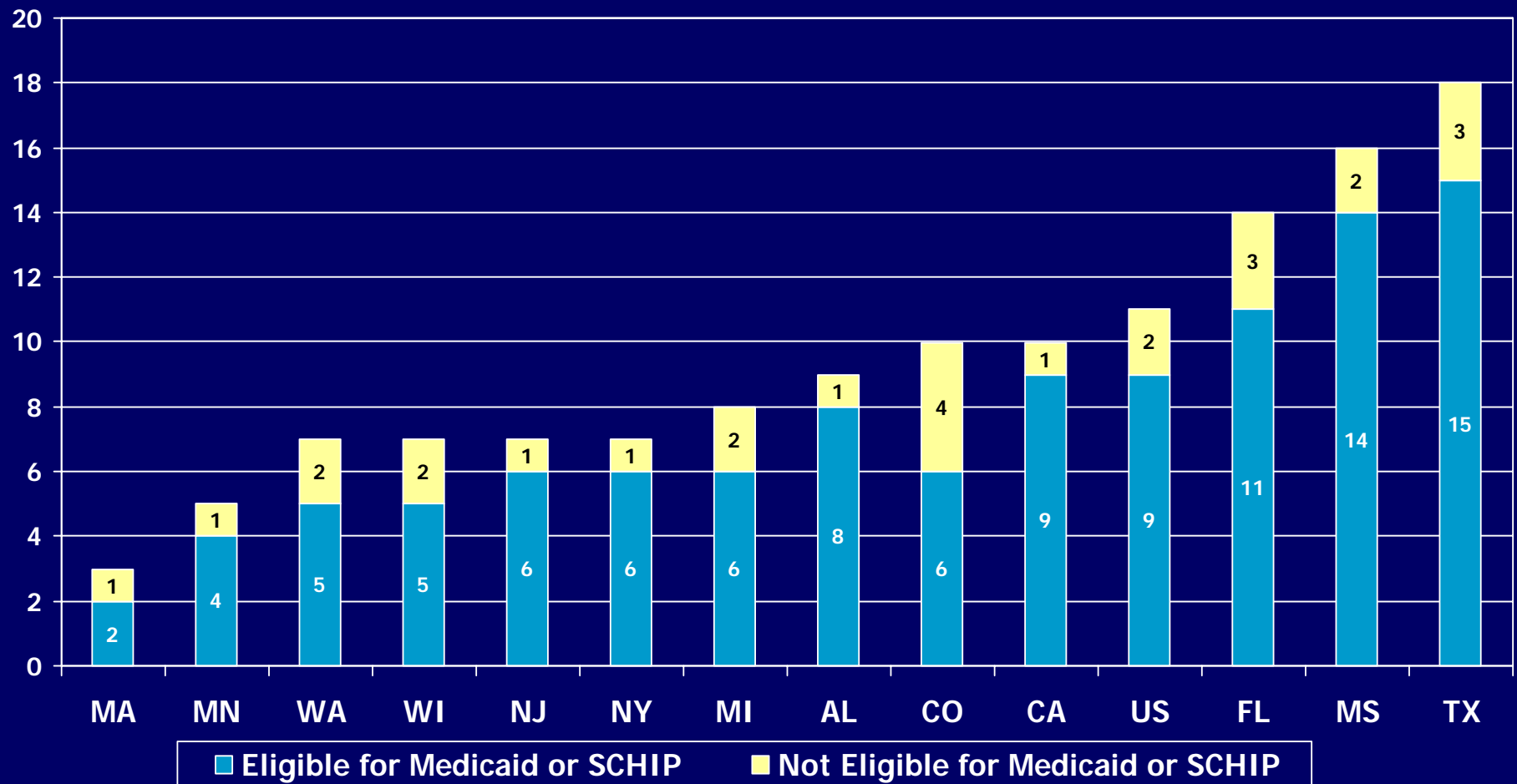
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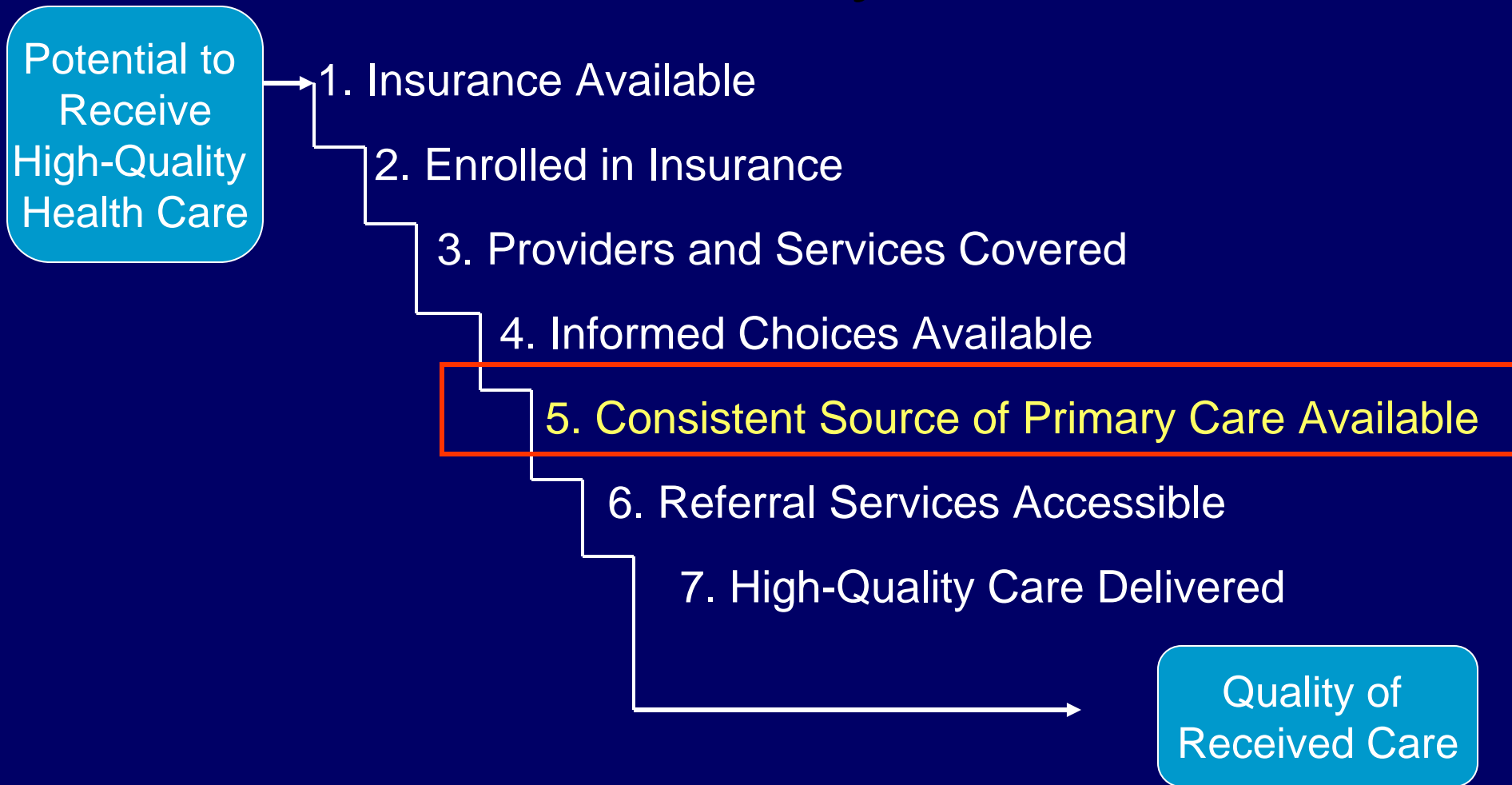
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**Most Uninsured Children are  
Already Eligible for Health  
Insurance**

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# A Medical Home

- An approach to providing health care services in a high quality, comprehensive, and cost effective manner.
- Primary care + Family + Other Professionals
- Shared goal to achieve optimal potential of children and families
- Needed for all children

# Value of the Medical Home

- Prevention
- Management of acute conditions
- Chronic disease



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- Prevention
- Management of acute conditions
- Chronic disease
- 7 attributes of a medical home
  - Accessible
  - Family Centered
  - Continuous
  - Comprehensive
  - Coordinated
  - Compassionate
  - Culturally competent



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# Benefits of a Medical Home

- Improved quality
  - Some quality and safety measures
  - Patient and family satisfaction
- More effective use of health resources
- Reduced health disparities
- Improved satisfaction by professionals

# Summary

## Improving Access to Health Care

- Provide health insurance for all children and adolescents
  - Universal
  - Adequate
  
- Strengthen medical home and primary care

