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# Health Care

- House Action
- Senate in December
- CBO Score
- 60 Votes
- Late January Outcome?



## Health Care

- Common Themes:
- Individual Mandate
- State Exchanges
- Low-Income Subsidies
- Public Option
- Insurance Market Reforms



# Health Care

- Unknowns:
- Public Option?
- Employer Requirements
- Overall Cost
- Senate Moderates

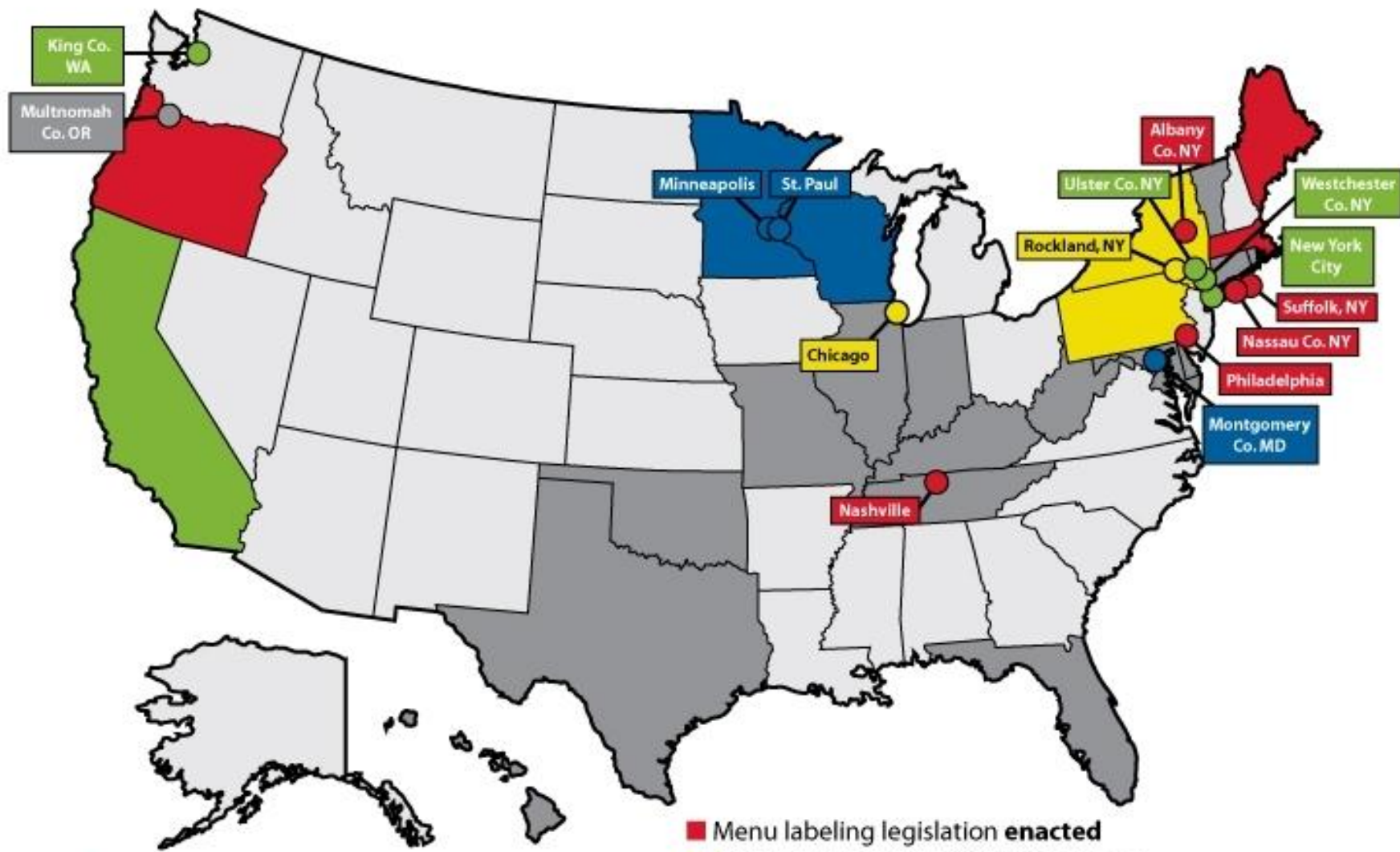


# Menu Labeling

- Proactive Approach
- What Consumer Want
- Inconsistent Patchwork

# STATE & LOCAL MENU LABELING LEGISLATION

As of 10/13/09



- Menu labeling legislation **enacted**
- Menu labeling legislation **introduced**
- Menu labeling legislation **defeated**
- Menu labeling proposal **anticipated**
- Menu labeling regulations **effective**



# Menu Labeling

- CRNI
- Sens. Carper and Murkowski
- Reps. Matheson and Upton
- House/Senate Health Care Bills



# Menu Labeling

- 20 or More Locations Under Same Name
- Calories on Menu
- Other Data Upon Request
- Pre-empts State/Local Laws
- Litigation Protection



# Card Check

- Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA)
- Labor Union's Top Priority
- Unprecedented Business Opposition
- Lawmaker Apprehension



# Card Check

- Union Push Continues
- Vote Next Year
- Harkin/Specter et al
- Binding Arbitration
- Quick Elections and Increased Access



# Immigration

- Priority for President Obama
- January-May 2010
- Sen.'s Schumer and Graham, Rep. Lofgren
- Future Immigrants, Verification
- Un-Natural Allies



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