

# **Economic Outlook** and the Health Sector

#### **Presented to:**



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# THREE MARKET SEGMENTS AND FACTORS DRIVING THESE MARKETS



#### **Commercial Insurance**

- P.R. Economic Situation
- P.R. Employment



#### Reform

- P.R. Fiscal Situation
- Federal Health Reform



#### Medicare

- Federal Health Reform
- U.S. Fiscal Situation



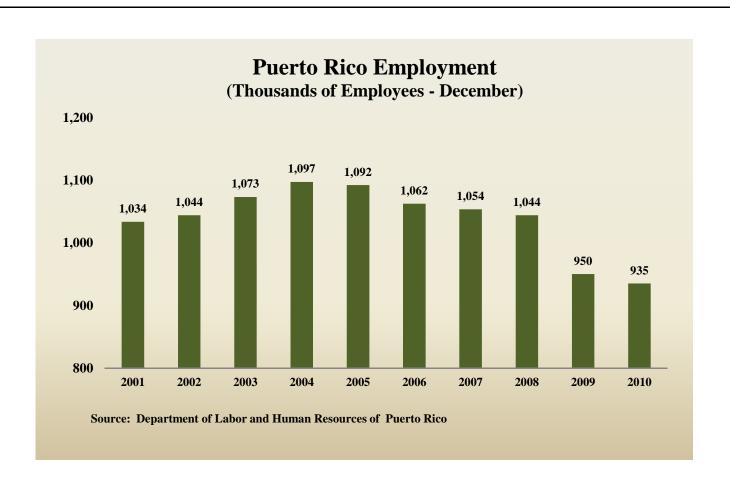
#### **RECENT EVENTS:**

#### P.R. ECONOMY AND FISCAL POSITION

- Tax Reform
- Non- resident corporate tax
- Standard & Poor's outlook change
- Moody's negative outlook of ←→ Retirement System
- Some positive signs:
  ex. GDB Economic Activity Index
- Negative signs persist

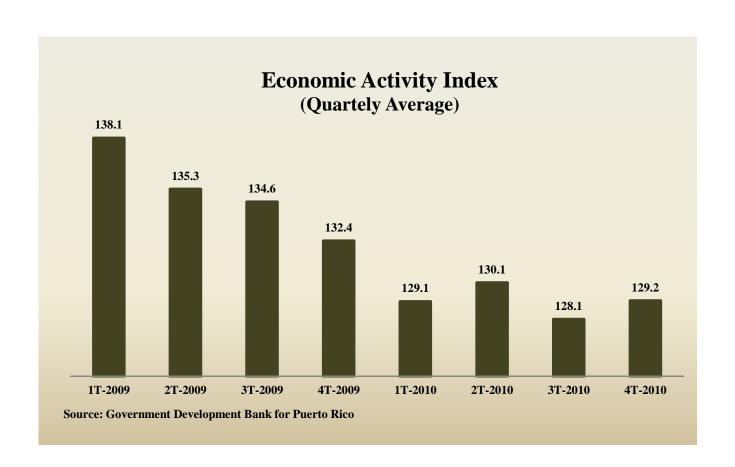


# **Employment Trend**



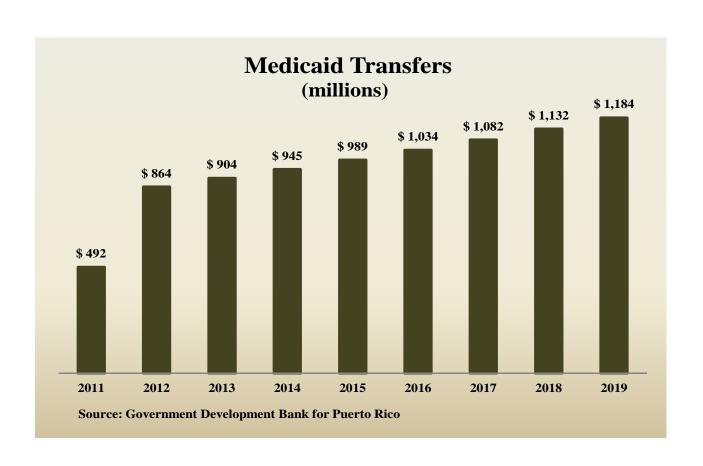


## **GDB Index**



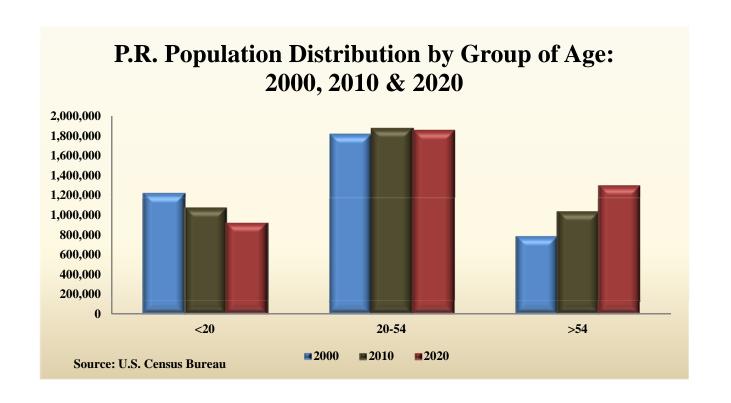


# Federal Health Reform financing Local Health Reform



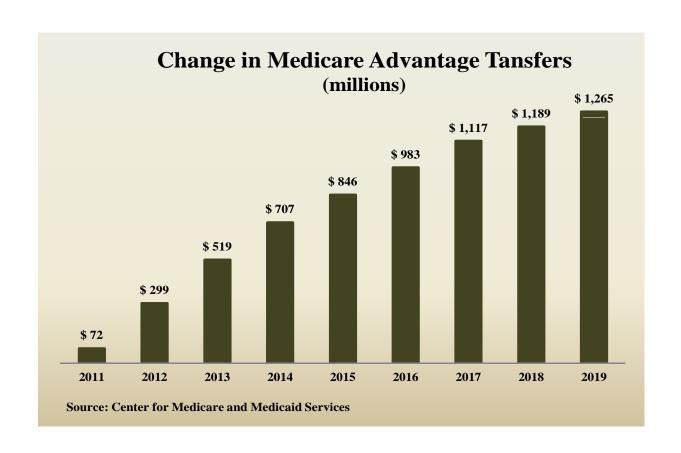


# **Demographic Change**





# Federal Health Reform Impacting Medicare Advantage





# **Recent Indicators**

#### **Negative Signs**

- Employment and Unemployment Indicators
- Construction Indicators
  - Permits, Cement
- Banking Data
- Bankruptcies

## **Positive Signs**

- Revenues of Treasury Department
- New Vehicle Sales



## **CRITICAL ISSUES**

#### When the great recession will finish?

- How effective is the fiscal adjustments plan?
- How will replace the ARRA funds?
- When will cleanup on the bank?
- When construction is reactivated?
- How and when manufacturing will recover after the patent cliff?

#### And, after the recession?

- What can we expect of the APPs?
- How much permanent damage will cause the 4% of excise tax?



# Risks

#### **EXTERNAL**

- Weak U.S. economy
- Volatility of oil price and interest rates

# **INTERNAL**

- Derailment of the Fiscal program
- Insolvency?



#### THREE MARKET SEGMENTS



#### Commercial Insurance

- Stagnant market as employers seek to cut costs
- Employment will not recover in the short term



#### Reform

- Pressures despite funding from the Federal Health Reform
- Stable or marginal increase in participants



#### Medicare

- Pressure in terms of individual payments (Medicare Advantage)
- Increase in the number of people covered