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Newsletter

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Update: What's New in State Drug Pricing Legislation

With 80 bills introduced in 2017, there is a high level of interest in pharmaceutical pricing among state legislators. However, despite legislative sessions wrapping up, very few laws have been enacted. The latest [NASHP blog](#) examines the bills passed so far, in Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, New York, and Utah. NASHP is [tracking](#) legislative and executive branch state activity on prescription drug pricing and spending. [Read more.](#)

Using DSRIP to Improve Population Health

A new [blog](#) from NASHP looks at how states are using DSRIP to improve population health. Under the authority of [Section 1115 demonstrations](#), some states have implemented [Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment \(DSRIP\)](#) programs to improve care, improve health, and lower costs by incentivizing and supporting care delivery redesign that transitions away from episodic treatment toward prevention and management of health and wellness for low-income populations. Currently there are 13 states with approved DSRIP programs: Alabama, Arizona, California, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington. While the structure and scale of DSRIP programs vary widely across states, most programs have a common denominator in their goal to improve population health. With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, this [blog](#) explores the different approaches states use to leverage DSRIP to address population health. [Read more.](#)

How Massachusetts SHOP-ed for a New Small Group Marketplace

A new [NASHP blog](#) looks at how Massachusetts Health Connector joined the District of Columbia's DC Health Link in a first-of-its-kind collaboration to develop a joint platform for their small business exchanges. This partnership is an exciting example of the collaborative possibilities for states. By building off of DC Health Link's successful

platform, Massachusetts is leveraging expertise and existing infrastructure, while yielding cost-savings for both exchanges. Together Massachusetts and DC will benefit from shared investment in the technology to not only maintain, but also improve the platform in response to evolving customer needs. [Read more.](#)

Expression of Interest DEADLINE EXTENDED to MAY 4, 2017: Maternal and Infant Health Initiative Value-Based Payment Technical Support Opportunity for States

The CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is launching a new, one-on-one technical support opportunity for state Medicaid/CHIP agencies to select, design, and test value-based payment approaches that support their maternal and infant health goals. IAP will select up to seven state Medicaid/CHIP programs to participate in this opportunity. Interested states can partner with a provider group(s), organization, and/or collaborative in their state to select, design, and test:

- Value-based payment approaches that sustain care delivery models that the partner is already implementing. The care delivery model is expected to have demonstrated success in improving maternal and infant health.
- Value-based payment approach related to improving maternal and infant health that is not associated with a particular care delivery model. (e.g. blended payment rates, enhanced reimbursement for services)

Selected states will have access to the types of one-on-one technical support outlined below, in addition to financial simulation support.

1. Selecting value-based payment approaches based on the state's maternal and infant health value-based payment goals and objectives.
2. Designing the maternal and infant health value-based payment approaches.
3. Testing the selected maternal and infant health value-based payment approaches with the partner provider group(s), organization and/or collaborative.

This opportunity is open to states at all levels of expertise in value-based payment approaches. Additional information, including the Program Overview, Expression of Interest form, and Informational Session slides can be found on the [IAP Value-Based Payment webpage](#).

Interested states are asked to email the easy to complete two-page Expression of Interest form to MedicaidIAP@cms.hhs.gov, subject line "Maternal and Infant Health VBP," by **Thursday, May 4, 2017, Midnight ET**.

CMS IAP Data Analytics - All State Learning Webinar on Dashboard Creation

May 17, 2017 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

So, You Want to Build a Dashboard?

CMS will host a state learning webinar on **Wednesday, May 17th from 3:00 – 4:30 PM ET** for all Medicaid and CHIP agencies interested in learning how to develop data dashboards. Many state Medicaid agencies are interested in creating data dashboards, but do not know where to begin or how to design a dashboard to best meet their goals. This [webinar](#) will teach participants how to successfully create a dashboard that can be used to support Medicaid delivery system reforms.

In this [interactive webinar](#), states will learn about:

- The process of creating a data dashboard from planning stages through the design;
- Methods and approaches to building the right data team for creating a dashboard;
- Guidelines for designing a useful dashboard; and,
- Common pitfalls to avoid.

Additional presenters will share their experiences on dashboard creation. A representative from the Washington State Health Care Authority will discuss challenges and lessons learned from the creation of the Healthier Washington dashboard. In addition, speakers from the University of New Hampshire and New Hampshire Medicaid will share how their Medicaid-State University partnership supported the creation of the New Hampshire Medicaid Quality Information System and how similar state-university partnerships could benefit states' dashboard creation and support broader data analytic needs.

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Webinar: State Strategies for Building Integrated Care Infrastructure

May 19, 2017 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM ET

Through the State Innovation Model initiative, health home state plan option, and other payment and delivery system reforms, states have made significant investments to better integrate physical and behavioral health care. With support from The Commonwealth Fund, this NASHP [webinar](#) will explore five key components of integrated care infrastructure and highlight leading state approaches to build this infrastructure and support practice transformation. Speakers from Minnesota and Idaho will share their experiences and lessons learned. At least 30 minutes will be reserved for Q&A.

Speakers:

- **Kitty Purington**, The National Academy for State Health Policy
- **Matt Wimmer**, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- **Gina Westcott**, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
- **Jennifer Blanchard**, Minnesota Department of Human Services

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Open Position: Research Analyst - Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Team

Are you looking for an entry level opportunity to assist states in developing health policy? Then consider joining the NASHP team! The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is seeking a talented individual to join the Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Policy Team as a Research Analyst. The primary focus of this work will be on state and federal health policy issues including major state healthcare delivery system payment reforms, state policies related to the integration of physical and behavioral health care systems, and other issues related to state mental health and substance use policy. [For more information and to apply](#) .

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