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Newsletter

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New Chart: Addressing the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Funding Sources Available to States

The Accountable Health Communities [initiative](#), recently announced by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), holds promise for helping communities bridge the gap between health

care and social services and improve health in communities. Although the CMMI initiative is focused at the local level, states themselves have the capacity and the resources to scale up local innovation for the benefit of all state residents, regardless of where they live. States control an array of resources that can be used to provide health care and address the social determinants of health. To assist state policymakers seeking to maximize their leverage by working across state agencies to promote health, NASHP has compiled a [chart](#) of funding sources that states use to help low-income adult residents access stable housing, safe and prosperous neighborhoods and communities, healthy food, physical and mental health care, income support, and transportation. Watch for additional NASHP resources for states on coordinating, braiding, and blending funding streams to improve health.

Accountable Health Community Models: What's the State Role?

With growing recognition that the health care delivery system alone cannot improve [population health](#), there is increasing movement at the state and local levels to create new relationships between systems that focus on traditional health care delivery and those that extend to work, housing, family, and community life. Our [new blog](#) highlights this issue.

New Brief Looks at Global Budgeting Initiatives in Three States

Our new brief, [Addressing and Reducing Health Care Costs in States: Global Budgeting Initiatives in Maryland, Massachusetts, and Vermont](#), highlights how these states have adopted policies and are working to implement all payer models that set targets or global budgets for health care cost growth based on the total cost of care. These states have undertaken initiatives to try to slow the growth of health care spending in their states and the results of these experiments will be important to watch. Read the full brief [here](#).

Blog: The Kentucky 'Wrap': Decreasing administrative costs for Medicaid and FQHCs in MCO Payment Reconciliation

States that have implemented managed care in their Medicaid programs face the time consuming, complex task of reconciling managed care payments to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) to ensure they are at, or above, their [Prospective Payment System](#) (PPS) rates. In June 2014, Kentucky Medicaid implemented an automated reconciliation system, which has already started saving the agency and Kentucky FQHCs valuable staff time and resources. In our latest [blog](#), we talk to Lee Guice and Teresa Cooper of the Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services who shared their insights on how the system works, its impacts, and lessons learned for other states considering an automated reconciliation system.

Opportunity for Support in Physical and Mental Health Integration

CMS is accepting [Expression of Interest forms](#) from states interested in the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) [Physical and Mental Integration \(PMH\) initiative](#). The IAP PMH provides targeted program support to states seeking to expand and/or refine existing physical and mental health integration efforts. Interested states should submit their forms by January 29, 2016.

Open Position: Research Analyst

NASHP is seeking Research Analyst to join the Chronic and Vulnerable Populations Team. The primary focus of this work will be on state and federal health policy issues including major state healthcare delivery system 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. [More information and to apply](#).

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