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[Incentivizing Healthy Behaviors and Personal Responsibility](#)

To help better prevent and control costly conditions such as chronic diseases, and to break the cycle of poor health, states are experimenting with mechanisms to incentivize healthy behaviors and personal responsibility for wellness. This past October, as part of the 29th Annual State Health Policy Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, leaders from Connecticut,

Idaho, and Indiana shared their experiences along with the unique approaches their states are taking to address this issue. As part of the session “[Incentivizing Health Behaviors and Personal Responsibility: What Have We Learned?](#)” the leaders addressed how these approaches align with their states’ priorities and goals. [Read the full blog.](#)

[A Labor of Love: State Policies and Partnerships to Lower Infant Mortality](#)

NASHP’s 29th Annual State Health Policy Conference hosted a [session](#) on infant mortality featured a snapshot of three state approaches: [Colorado](#), [Indiana](#), and [South Carolina](#). Each of these states has developed a public/private partnership committed to comprehensive strategies that address both medical and social factors related to infant

mortality. Each has participated in [HRSA’s Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network to Reduce Infant Mortality \(IM CoIIN\)](#), identified state policy levers, and documented success stories. [Read the full blog.](#)

Healthy Child Development State Resource Center's 'Resource of the Month'!

Each month, NASHP's [Healthy Child Development State Resource Center](#) features a resource highlighting the role of screening, referral and care coordination for healthy child development.

This month's features include two newly launched pages of the Resource Center on [Measurement](#) and [Referral](#) that may help state policymakers, service providers, and researchers promote children's healthy growth and development. The maps display state reporting of the CHIPRA Core Set measure for developmental screening and use of standardized referral forms to facilitate communication about children's receipt of indicated follow up services. The CHIPRA [map](#) shows that twenty states report the developmental screening Core Set measure to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The referral form map shows that 14 states have a standardized form to facilitate child access to follow up services. Learn more on the new [Measurement](#) and [Referral](#) pages.

If you have a resource you'd like NASHP to post in the Resource Center or feature in the future, please email nmention@nashp.org. The Healthy Child Development State Resource Center is supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

New Pediatric Medical Home State Profile: Pennsylvania

In collaboration with the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI), NASHP is creating a series of [state profiles](#) describing state initiatives advancing the pediatric medical home model.

The most recent [profile](#) highlights the Pennsylvania Medical Home Initiative (PA MHI). PA MHI is based on the Educating Physicians in their Communities (EPIC)™ model, a trademark of the PA AAP, that educates and supports primary care practice teams on the adoption and implementation of the medical home model.

These [profiles](#) are part of a formal partnership between NASHP and the National Center that focus on exchanging information to improve medical home access for children and youth in medically underserved populations.

Webinar: Measuring Physical and Behavioral Health Integration in the Context of Value-Based Purchasing

December 7th, 2016 from 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Research shows that integrating physical and behavioral healthcare can yield better outcomes and reduce costs, and state policymakers across the country are working to incentivize integration as part of larger value-based health reform efforts. This webinar, supported by the Commonwealth Fund will explore the landscape of quality measurement as it relates to behavioral health integration and examine how states are building quality management strategies to monitor and evaluate these efforts.

Speakers:

- **Kitty Purington, JD** , National Academy for State Health Policy
- **Harold Pincus, MD** , Columbia University
- **Greg Allen, MSW** , New York State Department of Health

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New Webinar Just Announced! States and the Rising Cost of the Pharmaceuticals: A Call to Action

January 11, 2017 from 3:30-4:30 PM ET

Drug pricing and the unpredictability of increases continue to vex state budgets. Annually states spend more than \$20 billion on prescription drug coverage for public employees, incarcerated individuals, higher education, and Medicaid. Join us for this [webinar](#) where members of NASHP's Pharmacy Cost Work Group will review the 11 specific proposals for how states may curb the rising cost of pharmaceuticals, as well as provide an update on the ongoing efforts of this group.

Read the work group's full brief, "[States and the Rising Cost of Pharmaceuticals: A Call to Action](#)".

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Additional Webinars:

- [Leveraging Managed Care Contract Language to Improve SUD Purchasing Strategies](#)
December 7, 2016 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM ET
- [Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program: Data Analytic Support for State Medicaid Agencies](#)
December 8, 2016 at 3:00PM ET
- [Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program Webinar for States](#)
December 12, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ET

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