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*Breaking News - Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual: Defeat for State All-Payer Claims Databases*

In a **6-2 decision** released today, the U.S. Supreme Court has dealt a blow to state all-payer claims databases. By upholding a lower court's decision, the Court ruled that states may no longer require self funded plans to submit claims data – that action is preempted by ERISA. In its decision in *Gobeille v. Liberty*

*Mutual*, the Court was unpersuaded by the arguments presented by Vermont and the 11 amicus briefs filed in support of that state's position. Indeed the Court concluded that "[P]reemption is necessary to prevent States from imposing novel, inconsistent and burdensome reporting requirements on plans." [Read the full blog](#) .

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**Blog: Proposed Rule on Confidentiality of Substance Use Information Released**

Our latest blog looks at the recently released, long-awaited [proposed rules on 42 CFR Part 2](#) , the federal regulation that governs how federally-funded substance use disorder (SUD) programs may share health information; public comments are due on April 11th. The proposed changes to 42 CFR Part 2 would, among other things, make it easier for individuals to provide broad consent to release SUD information – both to treating providers and to state health information exchanges (HIEs). [Read the full blog](#) .

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## Request for Applications: Value-Based Payment Reform Academy

NASHP is pleased to announce it is convening a Value-Based Payment Reform Academy to support states in developing and implementing value-based alternative payment methodologies for federally qualified health centers and/or rural health clinics. NASHP will select up to six states to participate through a competitive [application process](#). States will receive both group and individual technical assistance from NASHP staff, as well as state, federal, and national leaders over the course of twelve months. Please contact Rachel Yalowich at [ryalowich@nashp.org](mailto:ryalowich@nashp.org) with any questions.

The RFA is available [here](#). The RFA application questions are available [here](#).

### Key Dates :

- March 10, 2016, 2-3pm EDT: Informational webinar. [Register here](#).
- April 1, 2016: Applications due to NASHP.
- May 2016: Learning Academy begins.
- June 2016: In-person meeting (dates and location TBD).

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## Webinar: Proposed Changes to the Substance Use Privacy Rules: Overview and Discussion with State Policymakers

In February of this year, the Department of Health and Human Services announced proposed revisions to 42 CFR Part 2 with the goal of facilitating information exchange while addressing privacy concerns of individuals that seek treatment for substance use disorders. This [webinar](#) on **March 17th at 3:00pm** will provide an overview of the proposed rule and thoughts from leading state policymakers on how these changes may help or hinder state health reform initiatives.

[Register Now](#)

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## Call for Ideas: Help Plan NASHP's Annual Conference

What are the most pressing and critical issues facing state health policy makers?

Which health policy leaders do you want to hear discuss their ideas to achieve quality, affordable health care and advance a culture of health across states?

NASHP invites you to help construct the agenda for the 29th Annual State Health Policy Conference, taking place October 17-19, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA. We welcome all ideas for topics and speakers! Your submission should be no more than 65 words and should be submitted electronically [HERE](#).

All submissions are due by Friday, March 18. All submissions received by the deadline will be shared with NASHP's conference planning committee. If your idea gets incorporated into the agenda, NASHP staff will follow up with you by June 30, 2016.

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## Open Position: Development and Administrative Coordinator

We are looking for a Development and Administrative Coordinator to join the NASHP team in Washington, D.C. The Development and Administrative Coordinator is a member of NASHP's administrative staff and is responsible for a range of activities that spans the provision of support for conference, events and development activities, as well as for the general operational functions

of the office. The Development and Administrative Coordinator reports to the Finance Director in the Washington, DC office and will also works closely with the Director of Conference and Partnership Development. [For more information or to see more health policy jobs](#) .

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## National Academy for State Health Policy

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