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Newsletter

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Empowering and Protecting Consumers: ERISA Thwarts State Innovation

*A new publication by Erin Fuse Brown and
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As the national debate over the ACA continues, a [new publication](#) from NASHP looks at why Congress needs to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act

(ERISA) to assure consumers and payers have the information they need to make health purchasing decisions. The considerable discussion of increasing consumer engagement, in part by expanding the use of health savings accounts and high deductible health plans as strategies to provide consumers more choices and to reduce health care costs, requires informed consumers and payers. States have pursued an array of policies to improve transparency in health care. While transparency laws are not a silver bullet to reign in health care costs, they are necessary components for consumer protection and for states to understand their own health care markets. Despite robust and valuable state innovation in health care transparency, ERISA often prevents these state laws from meeting their full potential. This publication is the latest in a [series](#) that puts a state lens on emerging proposals in the ACA repeal and replace debate. [Learn more](#).

Integrating Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Primary Care

Building on the core competencies of the patient-centered medical home, many states have increased the role of primary care providers in ensuring individuals with complex behavioral health needs receive coordinated, whole-person care across the entire healthcare continuum. A [new brief](#) discusses two evidence-based interventions that can be implemented in primary care settings (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and Medication-Assisted Treatment) and explores current state payment and delivery

reforms that are facilitating and strengthening connections between primary care and specialty behavioral health providers. This [brief](#) also explores state policies designed to support primary care providers in combating the nations' growing opioid epidemic. [Read the full publication](#) .

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Latest on the ACA

- **The future of Essential Health Benefits** . The ACA's 10 Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) are considered by some as drivers of higher insurance costs; several Republican lawmakers have [recommended greater flexibility](#) in defining benefits as a means to lower costs. [Health Affairs](#) examines the origins of EHBs along with potential pathways to reform.
- **Lawmakers work on state-level health reform** . Connecticut [lawmakers debate](#) plans to expand insurance coverage mandates including inpatient substance abuse treatment, breast pumps, insulin jet injectors for people with diabetes, and fertility preservation for people with cancer. New Mexico's governor has [proposed](#) legislation that would reduce funding for tax credits and other subsidies that help underwrite New Mexico's high-risk medical insurance pool.
- **MA and DC team up on SHOP exchange** . Last week, the Massachusetts Health Connector Board of Directors [voted to approve](#) a partnership with DC Health Link to leverage DC's platform for its small business insurance exchange.
- **CMS proposes extension of issuer filing deadlines** . In a [draft notice](#) posted on February 17, CMS [said](#) it would revise rate-filing deadlines for individual-market insurance plans, extending the deadline for insurers to file applications and set rates from May 3 to June 21.

NASHP Announces New Members and Leaders

NASHP is a bipartisan organization of states, for states. Our work is guided by state officials who are elected by their peers to serve on NASHP committees and guide our work. NASHP Executive Committee chair, Maryanne Lindeblad, Washington's Medicaid Director, announced new NASHP members and leaders today.

Executive Committee:

- **Tom Betlach** - Director Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
- **Jane Beyer** - Senior Health Policy Advisor at Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Health Care Access and Financing Committee:

- **Louis Gutierrez** - Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Connector
- **Chris Priest** - Medicaid Director, Michigan Department of Community Health
- **Jeremy Vandehey** - Governor's Health Policy Advisor, Oregon
- **David White** - Governor's Health Policy Advisor, Alabama

Health System Performance and Public Health Steering Committee:

- **Cheryl J. Roberts, JD (Chair)** - Deputy Director for Programs, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services
- **Jerome Adams, MD, MPH (Vice Chair)** - State Health Commissioner, Indiana State Department of Health
- **Chris DeMars** - Director of Systems Innovation, Oregon Health Authority System

- Transformation Center
- **Ana Novais** - Executive Director of Health, Rhode Island Department of Health
- **Bob Russell** - Chief, Iowa Bureau of Oral & Health Delivery Systems

Long Term and Chronic Care Steering System:

- **Marie Zimmerman (Chair)** - Medicaid Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- **Dena Stoner (Vice Chair)** - Senior Policy Advisor, Texas Department of State Health Services
- **Jen Burnett, PA** - Deputy Secretary for the Office of Long-Term Living, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- **Tywanda Cox** - Chief of Federal & State Policy, Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- **Representative Drew Gattine** - House Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Maine House of Representatives

[See a full list of NASHP members](#) .

Latest Data on SBEs & SBM-FPs Enrollment

The 2017 open enrollment period for individual coverage has now ended. A new [chart](#) from NASHP shows the figures that represent the latest data on exchange enrollment for states that operate state-based exchanges (SBEs) or state-based exchanges on the federal platform (SBM-FPs). [See the chart.](#)

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

This month's feature is NASHP's newly launched [Outreach and Training](#) page. Providing outreach and training to service providers and families increases awareness about the importance of developmental screening and facilitates children's receipt of appropriate developmental services, follow-up, and supports. This page contains a table of state-specific training and educational resources for providers as well as caregivers. The Outreach and Training page also features toolkits for [medical providers](#) interested in gathering the information needed to promote developmental screening in their practices and educational materials and handouts for [parent and families](#) .

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.

Children's Oral Health Initiative Value-Based Payment Technical Support Opportunity for States - Informational Webinar

Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET

This March, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is launching a new technical support opportunity for state Medicaid/CHIP agencies to select, design, and test value-based payment approaches that will sustain children's oral health care delivery models that have demonstrated success in improving children's oral health.

IAP will select up to four state Medicaid/CHIP programs to participate in this two year opportunity.

Interested states will be expected to identify, and be prepared to partner with, an established care delivery model site in their state. The technical support process is likely to involve the steps outlined below with financial simulation support available throughout the process.

1. Selecting a value-based payment approach based on the state's children's oral health value-based payment goals and objectives.
2. Designing the children's oral health value-based payment approach.
3. Testing the selected children's oral health value-based payment approach with the partner care delivery model site.

To learn more about this opportunity, join the informational webinar **Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET**. During this [webinar](#), participants will learn about the technical support opportunity, ask questions, and hear about the state selection process.

More information about this technical support opportunity, including program overviews and expression of interest forms, will be posted on the [Medicaid IAP webpage](#).

[Register Now!](#)

[Parity Webinar #3: Application of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Parity Requirements to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs](#)

This third webinar in a three-part series will be held on **March 9, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm ET**. This webinar series is intended to help state Medicaid and CHIP agencies plan and implement their parity analyses by providing a detailed discussion of the Parity Compliance Toolkit and Implementation Roadmap, and by providing an opportunity for states to ask questions. Webinar #3 will provide details on the following key steps in the parity analysis:

- Identifying and Analyzing Non-Quantitative Treatment Limits (NQTLs)
- Availability of Information Requirements
- Documentation of Parity Compliance (state website, MCO contracts, ABPs, and CHIP SPAs)

State Medicaid and CHIP officials with questions about the mental health and substance use disorder parity rule, the Parity Compliance Toolkit, or the Parity Implementation Roadmap can submit them to parity@cms.hhs.gov.

[Register Now!](#)

[Open Position: Policy Associate – Emerging Issues Team](#)

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is looking for a Policy Associate to join our Emerging Issues team! Work will focus on state health insurance and exchanges; health care costs; and a wide array of health issues that confront states in today's dynamic environment. The Policy Associate is a midlevel position and applicants must have strong analytic and writing skills and ability to work closely with state officials and the NASHP team. A legal background and/or experience in state government, particularly working in a state based exchange, insurance department or legislative staff, is strongly preferred. [For more information and to apply](#).

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