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[Answering the Thousand-Dollar Debt Question: An Update on State Legislative Activity to Address Surprise Balance Billing](#)

A new [brief](#) from NASHP looks at state legislative activity to address surprise balance billing. As the newly insured use their coverage, increased scrutiny is being drawn toward the experiences of consumers who are receiving care. One issue of growing concern is the accumulation of medical debt, even among the insured. According to a recent study from the Kaiser Family Foundation, more than a quarter of adults in the United States report that, within the past year, they or someone in their house-hold have had issues with medical debt. This includes 20 percent of individuals under the age of 65 who have insurance. [Read the full brief](#).

[New Chart: Overview of State Programs that Utilize an Assessment that Include Self-Funded ERISA Plans](#)

In light of the [Gobeille](#) decision as to what state requirements are preempted by ERISA, the Supreme Court recently asked the Sixth Circuit to reconsider their ruling that upheld a [Michigan tax](#) on all health plans, including self-funded ERISA plans. A new chart from NASHP provides an overview of state programs that utilize an assessment that include self-funded ERISA plans. [See the chart](#).

Newly Approved Health Home SPA: New Mexico

On March 21, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved New Mexico's first health home state plan amendment.

CareLink NM, which became effective April 1, 2016, focuses on adults with serious persistent mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance in two rural counties. Health home providers receive an

additional per-member per-month payment to cover costs associated with providing health home services. For more information on New Mexico's health home initiative please visit NASHP's [State Delivery System and Patient Reform Map](#).

NASHP will continually update this [map](#) to include new PCMH and Health Home initiatives in states. Over time, NASHP will add information on other delivery and payment transformation initiatives underway in states, stay tuned for more information on state DSRIP programs. We are grateful to the Commonwealth Fund for providing support for this [map](#).

Webinar: A Conversation with State Officials on Medicaid Dental Managed Care

An increasing number of states are using managed care approaches to deliver Medicaid dental services. In this webinar, state policymakers from Kentucky, Arizona, and Pennsylvania—three states that administer Medicaid benefits through managed care contracts that include both medical and dental services—will share their insights about strategies to ensure that managed care contractors and their subcontractors maintain an adequate network of dental providers, provide outreach and care coordination to members, and promote quality improvement. The webinar is scheduled for **Friday, April 29th** at 1:00 p.m.

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Webinar: Medicaid Quality Improvement to Address High-Cost Conditions: Spotlight on Diabetes

[Register now](#) for the first in a series of three webinars sponsored by CMS to highlight successes and lessons learned through the [Adult Medicaid Quality](#) (AMQ) Grant Program. The first [webinar](#), scheduled for **Thursday, April 14th**, from 1-2:30 p.m. ET will spotlight states' projects aimed at improving the quality of comprehensive diabetes care for adult Medicaid beneficiaries. State speakers will share interventions, outcomes data, overall results and lessons learned, and CMS will highlight a new opportunity for cross-state learning through a diabetes affinity group. Participants will hear from **Deirdra Stockmann, PhD**, a health insurance specialist at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, and **Judy Zerzan, MD, MPH**, the Chief Medical Officer and Client and Clinical Care Office Director for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing; and **Steven Colangelo**, a research analyst at the Connecticut Department of Social Services.

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