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[A Federal-State Discourse on Maintaining Momentum for Payment and Delivery System Reform](#)

In July 2016, a group of federal and state policy officials met to take stock of progress to date on the path toward health care payment and delivery system reform. At this meeting, convened by NASHP with support from The Commonwealth Fund, participants shared their enthusiasm for payment and delivery reform, their impressions of current payment and delivery reform policies and demonstrations, and discussed opportunities for improvement going forward. Discussions from the meeting are summarized in a [new brief](#). [Read the full paper](#).

[Treatment for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and the EPSDT Benefit](#)

State Medicaid agencies are working to provide comprehensive health care services for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), currently the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States for individual under age 21. This [brief](#) highlights information from the 2014 CMS Informational Bulletin providing clarification on services to be provided to Medicaid-eligible children with ASD and, specifically, the expected adherence to the EPSDT benefit. Examples of strategies currently being used by multiple states to provide necessary treatment services are included. [Read the full brief here](#).

Early Bird Registration Extended!

We heard your requests and have extended the early bird registration deadline!

Register by September 30th to take advantage of the savings .

Don't miss out on thoughtful **sessions** , engaging **speakers** , and multiple **networking opportunities** . The conference, developed by

state health policy leaders for state health policy leaders is your one-stop for in-person, timely information and action.

Want to make even more of an impact? **Sponsorship** and **exhibitor** opportunities are still available. Contact **Ashlee Maxfield** for more information.

- [See our up-to-date agenda](#)
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#NASHPconf16 is less than a month away. Don't miss out, **Register today** !

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

This month's feature is a NASHP brief ***The Nuts and Bolts of Medicaid Reimbursement for Developmental Screening: Insights from Georgia, Minnesota, and North Carolina***

Periodic developmental screening is a key strategy in promoting children's healthy growth and development. Early identification of possible developmental delays in children and timely referral and treatment can prevent more severe issues and significant costs. This brief highlights how Medicaid agencies play an important role in monitoring children's development through developmental screening reimbursement policies. Setting reimbursement rates for screening; recommending or requiring certain screening tools; specifying the administration of developmental screenings; and leveraging Medicaid managed care contracts are a few strategies NASHP uncovered in its research. This **new brief** examines developmental screening reimbursement policies in Georgia, Minnesota, and North Carolina.

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.

Upcoming CMS Webinar: Linking & Merging Data Sources

In 2014, CMS launched a collaborative between the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) called the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). The goal of IAP is to improve the care and health for Medicaid beneficiaries and reduce costs by supporting states' ongoing payment and service delivery reforms through targeted technical support.

As part of their efforts to roll out what they and their partner states have learned from the first year of the Reducing Substance Use Disorders program area, CMS invites you to join their next

national dissemination webinar on **Wednesday, September 28, 2016** from 3:30 - 5:00 PM EDT. In this webinar, entitled “**Linking & Merging Data Sources**”, participants will discuss merging Substance Use Disorder (SUD) related data sources with other state databases. Specifically, the discussion will focus on how using different data sources can provide additional insight on a patient’s continuum of care when services are paid for by Medicaid and other state agencies. There will be three featured state partners on the webinar panel to discuss their efforts to actively link or merge data and field your questions. On this webinar:

- Connecticut will discuss how it is using distributed data networks to answer questions about their SUD population demographics, care outcomes and costs;
- Washington will discuss how it has designed meaningful measurement concepts that enable policy analyses, program evaluations, predictive modeling and performance management; and
- Oregon will share how it developed a system to combine SUD block grant data with Medicaid claims data to analyze treatment outcomes and share information with providers.

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[Open Position: Policy Analyst - Emerging Issues Team](#)

The National Academy for State Health Policy is seeking a Policy Associate to join our Emerging Issues team. Work will focus on state health insurance and exchanges; prescription drug and other health care costs; as well as a wide array of issues that confront states. The Policy Associate is a mid-level position and applicants should have strong analytic and writing skills and ability to work closely with state officials and the NASHP team. Experience in state government, particularly working in a state based exchange, insurance department or legislative staff, is strongly preferred. This position may be located in either Portland, ME or Washington D.C.

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