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## Newsletter

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### Updated Medicaid Expansion Map

Track Medicaid expansion decisions by state along with the approaches they are taking for expanding eligibility to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. This [map](#) also includes information on 2015 and 2014 state legislative activity around Medicaid expansion, the Governor's stance on the issue, and fiscal and demographic analyses from the state or other institutions.

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## New Learning Collaborative Opportunity-From Engagement to Evidence: Using PCOR and CER to Inform State Policymaking

With support from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), NASHP is excited to announce a new learning collaborative for states seeking to develop or enhance processes for evidence-based health policymaking with a specific focus on using patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and comparative effectiveness research (CER), furthering inter-agency collaboration, and engaging patients in policy development.

We will select three states to participate in the learning collaborative through a request for applications (RFA) to be issued September 2015. **NASHP will hold an informational webinar on September 16, 2015 from 1:00pm-2:00pm EST for all interested states** . Please [click here](#) to register.

This work is supported through a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Program Award (EA-2159-CHPD). The Milbank Memorial Fund is also a contributing sponsor, supporting the involvement of the Center for Evidence-based Policy at the Oregon Health & Science University.

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## ICYMI: Ensuring Bright Futures for Our Nation's Children: Health Plan Strategies for Improving Pediatric Preventative Care

This [webinar](#) , held August 24, explored private and public health plan strategies for improving parental education on preventive care and supporting and encouraging providers in ensuring their young patients receive recommended preventive services. Missed the webinar- listen to the [recording](#) and see the [slides](#) .

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- [Oral Health Access: Putting Teeth in Public Health](#)
- [Spurring Population Health Improvements Through Delivery System Innovations](#)
- [Tackling the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Epidemic](#)
- [New Frontier of Children's Health Coverage](#)
- and [more!](#)

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### Upcoming Webinars:

#### Beyond Medicaid: Critical Roles for Public Health, Insurance, and State Employees Departments in Fostering Multi-Payer Payment Reform

September 23, 2015 1:00pm (ET)

This [webinar](#) will demonstrate the key role that state agencies other than Medicaid (e.g., Public Health, Insurance, State Employees) can have in designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform as well as, highlight successful inter-agency collaborations and partnerships in designing and implementing multi-payer payment reform at the state level.

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#### State Strategies for Integrating Health Care and Housing for Homeless Individuals and Families

September 14, 2015 12:30pm (ET)

States interested in improving population health and containing costs are increasingly examining the intersection of housing and health care. As numerous studies show, housing chronically homeless people can improve their health and save money for state and local governments. This State Reform webinar will offer participants an opportunity to learn about cross-agency levers states can use to meet the housing and health needs of homeless populations. The [webinar](#) will also address the financing mechanisms, data infrastructure and strategic partnerships that facilitate the blending of health care and housing funding streams. **Trish Riley**, NASHP Executive Director, will moderate the webinar. **Peggy Bailey**, Senior Policy Advisor at the Corporation for Supportive Housing, will offer a national overview of the topic and state perspectives will be provided by Texas Medicaid Director **Kay Ghahremani**; and Oregon Health Authority Director of Systems Innovation **Chris DeMars**.

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#### Highlight on Alliance Partner: Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

Blue Cross Blue Shield Association is a national federation of 37 independent, community-based and locally operated Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies that collectively provide healthcare coverage for nearly 105 million members – one in three Americans.

For more information on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and its member companies, please visit [www.BCBS.com](http://www.BCBS.com).

For more information on becoming a NASHP partner contact [Ellen Toups](#).

*NASHP instituted a Strategic Partnership Program in 2014 to align with corporations who wish to invest in NASHP to support excellence in state health policy. Working together, this will ensure the maximum*

*impact of NASHP's work as a non-profit and non-partisan organization supporting states as they reach across branches and agencies examining and creating solutions to critical health issues. State policy leaders and private corporations have much to learn from each other, and our partnerships help foster a collaborative environment. However, all our products and their content are created at the sole discretion of NASHP.*

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